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Changes Is In The Air

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Hello, Pig Trail HOG Members... Here we are in May, and it is prime riding weather. We have had some successful rides and events already this year, and things continue to build off this great start. I am looking forward to a great year of riding together, and getting to know everyone even more.

We have had a lot of new members join us over the past year, and will be experiencing some of our rides and activities for the first time. This is exciting for them and for our chapter. I love bringing in new members, getting to know them, listening to their story, and having them become part of this great chapter. We have some amazing people who will be a part of the chapter for years to come, and ones who I already know will be part of our future leadership team.

As seasons change, so does our membership, as well as, our leadership. A lot of you know, at the end of this year, several of our officers plan on stepping out of their role to allow new leaders to step in. I am one of those who will be stepping out, after five years on the team. I know of several other officers who will also be stepping out or are thinking of doing so. You will be hearing about these opportunities soon. Whether you are a long-term member or new member, be thinking about your time and talents within this chapter. If you are interested in joining the officer/leadership team, let me know.

It is our members coming together, serving together, riding together, and enjoying life together that makes this thing work. I believe we will continue being the best chapter around, and I believe we have the best members around.



Just Do It

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain
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May is here, and the weather has been great. If you are thinking about going on a trip, or even just a short ride around Arkansas, don't wait do it. Get out and ride, and turn in those HOG miles. Let's strive for #1 this year. Also, don't forget about all of our chapter rides and events. Get out and work on that Pig Trail Challenge Book.

Just Do It, or as we like to say, "Screw it, Let's Ride!"



Account Update

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Time to Ride

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As I sit down to pen these words, the anticipation of embarking on the first trip of the spring/summer season fills me with excitement. Nanette and I are gearing up for an exhilarating adventure to Scott, LA, where we'll be diving headfirst into the vibrant Cajun rally scene. This journey promises an array of captivating experiences, from touring the iconic Tabasco factory to exploring Morganza, the famed backdrop of the restaurant scene from Easy Rider. And let's not forget the allure of gliding through the serene swamps on boat tours and, of course, immersing ourselves in the spirited atmosphere of the rally itself.

In preparation for this upcoming expedition, Nanette and I indulged in a viewing of Easy Rider, once again reaffirming its status as an indispensable motorcycle road trip classic. Its timeless appeal never fails to stir the wanderlust within us.

As I eagerly await our adventure, I can't help but extend an invitation to all fellow enthusiasts of the open road. On Saturday, May 25th, I'll be leading an exhilarating adventure ride to the Laura Ingalls Wilder home and museum. This meticulously paced four-hour journey will be punctuated by leisurely stops, allowing ample time to soak in the scenery and share stories with friends old and new. After a couple of hours exploring the museum and indulging in a leisurely lunch, we'll embark on our return journey, ensuring a full day of camaraderie and exploration.

For those who've yet to join me on the road, allow me to offer a glimpse into my approach: I'm a putter—a connoisseur of the slow meander, relishing every sight and sound along the way. It's not about rushing from point A to point B; it's about savoring the journey itself.

In our chapter, the mantra is clear: "Ride and Have fun." It's a philosophy I wholeheartedly endorse—a rallying cry for all to embrace the thrill of the ride, whether embarking on epic odysseys to distant locales or embarking on spontaneous day trips to discover hidden gems in our own backyard.

So, to my fellow riders, I say: Screw it—let's ride! Join me as we chart new horizons, forge lasting memories, and revel in the sheer joy of the journey.



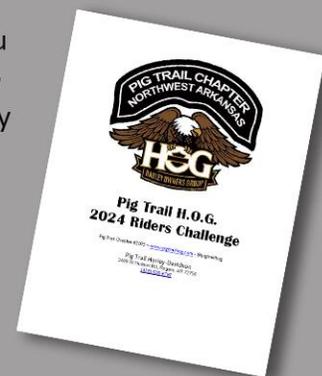
Challenge Book

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Now that we have warmer temperatures and the riding season is getting into full swing, be sure to set out on your rides with your Challenge Books. Some of you have already started completing the various challenges, but there are still plenty of perfect opportunities to tackle the challenges in the book.

As you set off down the winding country roads, use the book to explore areas you haven't seen before. Find yourself getting lost in the thrill of exploration, and the joy of completing each task in the Challenge Book. Let your riding pay for itself by completing the book and being in the running for prizes at the end of the year.

The road beckons so be ready to answer the call with your Challenge Book!



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Old Wire Road

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Living in Northwest Arkansas, we've all seen this road sign and probably have driven along this route. Have you ever wondered why it's called that and if it actually means anything? I did a little research.

In a nut shell, it's a stretch of road that joined St Louis, Missouri, to Fort Smith, Arkansas, that ran through Fayetteville. At first, though, it was small trails used by Native Americans, hunters and fur traders. Those trails soon connected, and in 1835, a road was cut and called the Missouri Road. From 1837-1839, it was known as the Springfield to Fayetteville Road, and became part of the Northern Route used by the Cherokee as part of the Trail of Tears leading them into the Fort Smith area over the river into Oklahoma Territory. Then, in 1860, telegraph lines were strung making it known as Telegraph Road, in some locations, and Wire Road in others. This road was also the main hub for mail delivery west of the Mississippi River from St Louis to San Francisco known as the Butterfield Overland Mail Route. I bet you've heard the name "Butterfield" around these parts, too.

Today, the Old Wire Road no longer connects one point to another. Some parts of that road are now private farmlands, conservation areas, and National Parks. However, we have several historical sites in NWA to visit and learn about the Old Wire Road. I'll talk more about those in coming issues of this newsletter.



More Than 1 Million Members Around The Globe!

- Toni Douglas - Membership

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H.O.G. is the largest, factory sponsored, motorcycle enthusiasts organization in the world. But, it is so much more than just a motorcycle organization. It is one million people around the world united by a common passion: making the Harley-Davidson dream a way of life. The Pig Trail chapter not only has opportunities to share your passion within our chapter, but with other chapters as well. In case you did not know it, if you live near more than one chapter, travel between homes, or just because you can, it's possible to be a member of more than one local chapter. You would have to designate which chapter records your miles, but otherwise you have the opportunity to increase your H.O.G. circle. This is also good information to share, especially if you have friends in other chapters.

On Saturday, May 18th, you will have the opportunity to connect with others who have the same passion. Join us as we ride to the Hideout Chapter meeting in Joplin, MO. We will be attending the H.O.G. Meeting as guests, and then, riding back with their chapter for lunch at Wrights BBQ in Rogers, AR. To RSVP for the event, or for more details, go to www.pigtrailhog.com.

Please welcome New Members:

Timothy Farris
Betsy Dailey-Frazier



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The Merry Month of Maidens

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators

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May is Women Riders month: a time dedicated to honoring and celebrating the ever-growing community of female motorcyclists who share a passion for the open road, adventure, and camaraderie. This is why every year our sponsoring Dealership, Pig Trail Harley Davidson, offers a celebration of women riders they call Angels on Asphalt.

However, there are many women who should also be considered motorcyclists: those who "Ride 2-up." After all, they have their own helmets, chaps, and leather vests. They ride along not only when the weather is beautiful, but also, when it's hot, cold, and raining. While they cannot participate in Angels on Asphalt, they deserve to be celebrated and recognized, too.

This is a poem written by a member of Women In The Wind: an all-International, all-female, women's motorcycling organization:

Ode To The Backseat Rider

I am a "Backseat" rider,
Not the BEST seat in the house.
But that is where you'll find me,
When I'm riding with my Spouse!

I put a lot of Faith in you.
My life is in your hands.
Your skills and strength relied on,
As we travel across the lands.

The thing I wear, the same as you,
But often with a Flare!
Some BLING or Fringe you may well see,
Scarves or Doo-Rags on my hair!

I ride back "there", come what may,
My "FAV" ... when skies are sunny!
But when the ride turns cold or wet,
Those times not so funny!

You mount your ride and off you go,
Your eyes they are not blinking.
But I can't go unless you ask.
I do not like THAT thinking!

I ride the "Backseat" gladly!
It's where I find my EL-E-MET
But mostly what I see,
IS the backside of you HEL-E-MET!

By Donna E. McKale



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Link H.O.G.G ID in H-D App for Ride365 Rewards

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With riding season in full swing, it's the perfect time to take advantage of the Harley-Davidson Ride365 program and rewards. Don't miss out on valuable rewards for logging your miles!

Remember:

A minimum of two check-ins are required to participate.

You can earn additional points in the Chapter Challenge Book by checking your mileage monthly at the service department.

Ride365 Rewards Breakdown:

- 1,000 miles: 1,000 points & digital badge
- 2,500 miles: 1,500 points & digital badge
- 5,000 miles: 2,500 points & digital badge
- 7,500 miles: 2,500 points & digital badge
- 10,000 miles: 2,500 points, digital badge, certificate & patch
- 15,000 miles: 5,000 points, digital badge, certificate & patch
- 20,000 miles & Up: Digital badge, certificate, patch & exclusive rewards (details vary by milestone)

To receive your H-D Points, ensure your H.O.G. ID is activated and linked within the H-D App.

Need Help Linking Your H.O.G. ID?

For assistance verifying or linking your H.O.G. ID, visit our website's blog post: "How to link your HOG ID and additional information." Also, I'm happy to help with any questions about Ride365 or linking your H.O.G. ID. Feel free to ask me at the next chapter meeting or H.O.G. ride/activity.



Are You Ready to Ride?

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It's that time of year again. "Riding season" is in full swing again! Are you like me? Raring to go...with a group, the chapter, or even by yourself? I'm sure we all are ready for those warm days ahead, but have you done your spring checklist? Changed the oil, checked the tires, or how about what I call riding supplies: a bottle of water, first aid kit, maybe stash a sweatshirt in the saddle bag in case you are out later than expected and it turns chilly? It's far better to be prepared and not need it than to need it and not have it.

The motorcycle community has grown exponentially with chapters and numerous riders. More bikes on the road is beautiful in my eyes. That also means more potential for the unthinkable. Do you alert other bikers of hazards in the road when riding beside them? Major hazards for those of us who enjoy that great wind therapy could be left over sand from the winter streets, dirt, rocks from construction sites or driveway wash outs, or cut grass. Since riding has grown in popularity you now see more cruisers on the road. Bikes that are bigger, heavier, and in a tricky situation cause added issues of how we mitigate that situation. We share jokes, conversations, and great times with each other at stores, on poker runs, etc. Let's keep that comradery going on the road too, and make sure we all get back home safe.



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LADIES MONTH

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Now that I have your attention... May is definitely the month for the ladies! Aside from celebrating our mothers, we also celebrate and encourage our lady riders. Saturday, May 4 is International Female Ride Day. We encourage our lady riders to ride and post a picture with your bike that day.

On that day, at 10am at the Heritage Indian Dealership, there will be a ride lead by The Litas Springdale. If you haven't met a Lita (HI!), there are several in our own HOG group. The Litas Springdale is a fantastic group of women that love riding their own! They welcome all women of all ride levels regardless of how long you've been riding - even if you don't ride your own yet, but you're moto-curious. The Litas Springdale is the group that I rode my first group ride with last September to the Hill City Rumble in Fayetteville. Was I scared? Heck yeah! But, it pushed me out of my comfort zone, and I grew as a rider. If you are considering riding your own and need an encouraging and supportive group of women, come ride with us!

In the interest of getting more ladies to ride this year, LOH has included the following rides this season:

- June 29 Precious Moments Chapel
- July 20 Rogue Manor
- August 31 Sassafrass Winery
- October 5 Dogwood Canyon

If you just search Facebook and the Google, you'll find that there are many rallies and events for women riders. Our own PTHD hosts an event for lady riders on May 31st called Angels on Asphalt. Be sure to check it out this month! Also, ask some of our members about the Ladies in Leather Rally that was last week in Oklahoma City. These events for lady riders are a special time for us to connect with fellow women riders, and build supportive friendships around our common love—riding!

OKLAHOMA RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

MAY 12

Day trip to Muskogee to attend the renaissance festival. Tickets must be purchased online at The Castle of Muskogee. \$24.95+ tax.



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