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# CHAPTER NEWS

## June 2024



### Stay Connected

- Sean "Ole' Ticker" Branham - Director  
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We are now in the 6th month of the year. It is hard to believe we are at the mid-point of 2024. We have had some great rides and events so far, and this is only the beginning.

Be sure to keep close to our website [www.pigtrailhog.com](http://www.pigtrailhog.com) for the latest calendar of events. We still post the events on Facebook, but those events just link out to our website where all the information can be found. They are also listed on the Hog[Scan] app so, if you are not a user of that app, you might consider downloading it so you have it at your fingertips. Speaking of tips.... Did you know in the Hog[Scan] app, when you go to an event, there is a drop down (two arrows) that will open up the details of the ride? This comes in handy when you are about to join a ride and need to confirm KSU locations and times.

Two other great tools we using are email and text messaging. Emails go out a couple of times per month. One is a reminder and link to the monthly newsletter when it is published, and the other is usually a reminder of the month's upcoming events. On occasion, we may send out something specific in email that we feel is important. If you are not receiving the emails, talk to Toni (Membership Officer) so she can check your information. Texting is another tool we use. We do not use this to blast out everything, but we do send out reminders for some of the events, changes in events, or postponements, if necessary. It is a great way to receive last minute updates and reminders. If you are not subscribed, send the text "HOG2075" to the number 57780.

As you can see, we try to communicate all our rides and activities at an appropriate level to keep you informed so we can all Ride and Have Fun.



### Harley Davidson Smart Vest

- Michael "Grim" Douglas - Webmaster  
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Harley-Davidson has released its first-ever smart vest, the Harley-Davidson Smart Vest, which offers impact protection without the bulk. Equipped with sensors, it monitors a rider's surroundings and constantly processes data in real time. Designed to instantly deploy in the event of a collision, it protects the chest and central back area. The cow leather build is perforated for airflow, has move-with-you side panels, and features reflective branding for enhanced visibility. It can also be worn under or over your H-D® riding jacket (if worn under, allow about 2 inches of space for deployment). You can check out the vest on the H-D Online Store.



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## Friends...

- Jeffrey "Sleepy" Bushey - Assistant Director  
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Since 2016, when I purchased my first tri-glide, I've been on a remarkable journey. This motorcycle club has become more than just a group of riders—it's an integral part of my life. Nanette and I don't have blood relatives here in NWA (Northwest Arkansas), but we've more than compensated for it with the friendships we've forged. These connections are essential to our survival in NWA, and motorcycle riding has been at the core of it all. One thing is certain: we're not done making new friends.

I thrive on meeting new people and getting to know their stories. At our club meetings, I make it a point to introduce myself to new members. But it's during our chapter rides and other biking adventures that the magic truly happens. There, we bond over our shared love for motorcycles— whether they have two wheels or three, whether they're Harleys or other brands. The wind in our faces unites us, and the road becomes our canvas.

Eight years of riding with the chapter have gifted me countless memories and lasting relationships. Each ride adds a new layer to the tapestry of experiences. From scenic routes to unexpected detours, we've laughed, shared stories, and faced challenges together. Whether it's a sunny day or rain pouring down, the camaraderie remains unshaken. To all the newcomers, I extend a warm "hello" and a heartfelt welcome to our motorcycle family. You are the lifeblood of our community. As you settle into this vibrant group, consider joining us for the upcoming events. Volunteering is another fantastic way to connect—each time you lend a hand, you'll make at least one or two new friends. Together, let's continue creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Ride safe, ride free, and may the wind always be in your face!



## Fun with ChatGPT

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer  
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In the heart of Northwest Arkansas, there exists a sanctuary for those who seek freedom on two wheels (or three). It is a place where the spirit of rebellion thrives amidst a sea of chrome and steel. Each day, the doors of Pig Trail Harley Davidson swing open to welcome a diverse array of enthusiasts – from seasoned bikers clad in worn denim and tattoos to wide-eyed novices eager to experience the thrill of the open road for the first time.

The rows of gleaming motorcycles (some painted by Wise Guy Customs) are more than just machines: they are symbols of freedom, adventure, and the unbreakable bond between rider and road.

And, though our destinations may be unknown, one thing is certain – we ride with the spirit of Harley Davidson coursing through our veins, as lone travelers (or group HOG travelers) on a quest for adventure and discovery, guided by nothing but the wind at our backs and the roar of the engine beneath us.



## Account Update

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

**\$1,348.57**



## THE BIKERIDERS



Time & Location TBD



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## Trail of Tears and the Wire Road

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What first began as a route the Osage used for hunting and trading, the Cherokee used it during their forced removal in the 1830s. In the late 1830s, the road was known as the Springfield to Fayetteville road. In the 1860s, the telegraph lines were put in, and the road eventually became Old Wire Road as we know it today.

Here in our area, we have the opportunity to see, and perhaps feel, the road that once was used by the Cherokees. One place to walk in their footsteps is located at Little Sugar Creek and Old Wire Road. From Rogers, travel N on Hwy 62. Past Avoca, but before the military park, turn right on Sugar Creek Road. Down the road on the left will be parking for the walking trail. As you walk, think about what hardships the Cherokees went through considering how far they have come. Many coming from the Carolinas, Tennessee, or Kentucky, then through Missouri into Arkansas.

Fitzgerald's Station and Farmstead (as taken from the National Park Service: nps.gov) "In the early 1830s, the John and Mary Fitzgerald family settled on land located alongside the Military Road (also called Old Missouri Road), which ran from Springfield, Missouri to Fort Smith, Arkansas. The Fitzgeralds took advantage of their location by establishing an inn and tavern on their farm. By the late 1830s it was a well-known stop for travelers. It became a supply source for many of the Trail of Tears Cherokee removal detachments in the late 1830s." You can visit this farmstead at 2700 Dodd Ave, Springdale.

The Pea Ridge National Military Park has a few segments that follow the Trail of Tears. Records show that over 10,000 Cherokee traveled the trail that lead through the park. One of those spots is the Elk Tavern located on the old Springfield to Fayetteville road. There is an exhibit, and you can visit the reconstructed tavern. Reddick's Field is another stop on the park tour. The Cherokee set up camp in the field at the Reddick's farm.

Other locations in our area to visit are at the Shiloh Museum of Ozark History at 118 W. Johnson Avenue, Springdale. The museum is a certified Trail of Tears site. Cross Hollow is located at the intersection of the Old Wire Road and Cross Hollow Road just north of Lowell. Per the website nps.gov, "The Taylor Detachment came through Cross Hollow March 20, 1839. William Isaac Irvins Morrow, a physician traveling with the Taylor detachment, mentions in his journal: "March 20, 1839 Wednesday 20th Cloudy & cool – traveled 15 miles to the X Hollows, eat dinner at Homeslys & came on 5 miles to Fitzgerald's..."

I encourage you to take a moment and visit the National Park Service website about the Trail of Tears before you visit these nearby sites. Sean's third great-grandmother was Cherokee. With the family stories we've heard, we believe she and her family travelled through this area from Kentucky where she settled in Crawford County, Arkansas. You bet we'll be visiting these sites very soon.



## Get Busy

- Jennifer Williamson - Ladies of Harley  
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With the riding season now in full swing, there are so many opportunities to become active in our HOG Chapter—and earn those book points, as well! Our Chapter and Dealership are all about having fun and giving back to our community. From the LOH No-sew Blankets event last month to the Paul Newell Memorial Ride (after the June Chapter Meeting) to Summer Fun Run (May 31-June 1) benefitting Circle of Life Hospice...there's always something to do! This month has lots of rides to enjoy with our members so make sure to check out one of the many ways we keep you all updated on events. LOH is having a ride to the Precious Moments Chapel with lunch at the Taste of Italy on Saturday, June 29 (KSU at 8:30am.) Also, keep those great ideas coming so that we can try to add them to the calendar this or next year. Karaoke, Splatter Painting, Crocheting,... if you have some creative ideas or know a better way to do something, please consider taking a leadership role as an officer for next year. Your Chapter Needs YOU!



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# Mike & Belle, Riding Out the Storms!

- Toni Douglas - Membership  
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Mike Gudde and Belle Campbell are not actually new members, but have just started joining rides and activities this year. They come from Oklahoma, and have many stories about tornados and making it through storms that would probably make you cry in fear. Belle has many stories about near-misses and storm lockdowns. I now understand why Oklahoma is known for tornados especially, at this time of year. Now, I am also extremely interested in seeing the new Twisters movie coming out next month.

Belle, originally from Maryland, and Mike, originally from Alaska, met in Oklahoma, and have been riding together as a couple for the past 12 years. Mike grew up riding snow mobiles and bikes, and in 1982, he put together his own bike. Mike got his first Harley in 2004 which was a 2001 Electric Glide Standard. That bike took them on a 16-State ride to Pennsylvania and back where they endured another storm, of course.

They now enjoy long rides on their 2022 Ultra Limited in Battleship Grey. Some of their favorite rides include the Pig Trail especially, all the way from 23 out of Missouri to the lower part of the lookout-off of 16. Often you will find them on 71 as it is their "go to" favorite ride.

Please congratulate Mike and give your best wishes to Belle when you see them next as they are getting married on October 1st. Family is important and together they have 5 daughters and 10 grandchildren who they enjoy visiting in Florida, Oklahoma and Colorado. I hope you get a chance to chat with this sweet and interesting couple on your next ride!



Welcome to our new members: Kyle Hubbard, Darrell Slaughter, and Shellie Westfall



# Joy of June

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators  
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If you look at the HOG Chapter Calendar for the summer, you'll find that it's very full. Between Chapter Calendar rides and activities, as well as other commitments, it sometimes becomes difficult to plan a ride with a small group. When the weather is beautiful it's worth the time to plan a ride with friends, and share the joy we all have. Many call it "wind therapy" because that is what it is. Riding brings peace to our souls, clears our minds, allows us to make plans for the future, and gives us joy. All of this we can appreciate when alone, but it is magnified when shared with friends, is it not? Enjoy the summer, enjoy your friends, both Chapter and otherwise, and enjoy your therapy.



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## It's a toot!

- Chris "Bones" Main - Activities  
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In case you didn't know, our Fall Foliage ride will be going back to Jack's Fishing Resort in Mt. View. It will be a 4-day, 3-night trip which means lots of time for riding, enjoying the peaceful setting, maybe fishing in the river, or playing some games around the covered picnic area. This year we are going to be there during the Bean Fest, as well. This is an annual festival the town holds. This means outhouse racers are being constructed, and bean and cornbread recipes perfected for the Arkansas Bean Fest and Great Arkansas Championship Outhouse Race to be held Friday and Saturday, October 25th and 26th.

Early Saturday morning, on the north and west sides of the court square, the fires are lit under 30 large, antique, cast iron pots loaded down with 1,000 lbs. of pinto beans. The cooking teams sometimes dress as clowns or ghouls to compete for the title of Best Beans. At the noon dinner bell, free cups of beans are served with cornbread and onion. Things step up a notch with the Parade of Outhouses around 1 p.m. The crowd gathers to cheer for their favorite "people powered potty" team of driver and pushers. The wheeled outhouses are outfitted with a steering device for the driver (while sitting on a potty seat) and powered by two pushers. Teams get into the spirit by dressing in costumes to fit the theme of their potty.

All sense of decorum is abandoned as the racers line-up and run in heats on Jefferson Street south of the court square to determine the fastest potty in the Ozarks. Teams compete for the revered Gold, Silver and Bronze toilet seat awards and cash prizes.

This looks to be a fun weekend on many fronts, and I hope everyone can go and enjoy the fun. Make sure you get your room reserved so that you don't miss out. And, as always, everyone ride safe out there.



## Time Flies

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain  
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Back in May of 2023, I returned to NW Arkansas after a brief return to Iowa. It's hard to believe that it has been a year already. Shortly thereafter, I took over the Head Road Captain position from Troy (Big Shot) Adams, and at first, it was kind of a challenge, but as time goes by, I'm enjoying the opportunity to be in this position.

We have made some great headway with getting more people involved in leading and sweeping our great rides. With the great help of Kyle and all the great people at Pig Trail, we have had some great opportunities for more training and some other exciting benefits that were added every month. And, of course, the big end of the year gift card that is up for grabs to all road leads and sweeps is a great incentive.

This past year has flown by so fast, and it has been one of my greatest years of my life ever with meeting so many new friends and doing some great rides. Working with Scott Fite in his shop has been a dream come true. As far as working in a Harley Davidson shop, this is the closest I will get to that, but that is really okay because what Scott and I do isn't really a job--it's a passion--and that makes it so much fun.

So, in closing, I encourage everyone to get out and go for your dreams. Get out and ride and meet some new people. Ride some new roads and visit new places, or just get out and ride some old favorite roads and favorite places.



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# SSS (Search, Setup, Smooth)

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

A good overall safety strategy to use when riding is Search, Setup and Smooth. This strategy should be used anytime we are riding, whether in curves or on straight roads. Riders must be actively engaged in all three parts to have a fun and safe ride. I believe the setup is the most important part of the strategy. Searching for road hazards, traffic control signs and other roadway users, we determine what our setup will be. Applying controls and steering inputs smoothly keeps the bike upright and on the path of travel that we choose. There are no jerky bikes--only jerky riders causing the bike to ride rough.

Setup includes several parts. Ride at a speed that is appropriate for road conditions and your skill. Don't let other riders determine your speed. Park your ego at the curb and ride within your limits. Speed is a factor in almost every motorcycle crash. It's not always about going over the speed limit but more about riding faster than your skill. Ride your bike in a gear that matches engine speed to road speed. Lower gears going downhill keeps the bike slow. Lower gears, going uphill, give the rider instant power when it is needed. I ride in a higher gear on gravel or other slick surfaces. Applying the gas in a higher gear on slick or rough road helps keep the rear tire from spinning thus, losing control of the bike.

Setup also applies to the position of the bike on the road. The road has three lane positions. Position one is near the center line, two is the middle of the lane, and three is near the outside of the lane. Ride where you can see and be seen. I start out in position one. This gives me the best sight line ahead and lets oncoming cars see me. Riding curves I start out in position two. This position gives me more room to maneuver if I need to. Riding sharp curves to the left I like to start in position three. If an oncoming car runs wide in the curve, I have more room to avoid a crash. Whatever lane positions you choose, have a reason for being there. Constantly evaluate your lane position and change it if road or traffic conditions change.

Search, Setup and Smooth is an effective safety strategy for use in any riding situation. The rider must be mentally committed to safe riding to make it work. Be alert to changing conditions by actively searching. Setup in the best path of travel and appropriate speed for road conditions. Stay smooth on the controls weather braking, accelerating or turning.

**Hello**  
my name is  
*New Member*

**SATURDAY**  
**06.22.24**  
**9:30AM**

# New Member

**RideGathering**

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 9:00 from PTHD  
Destination: Ziggy's Downtown

New Member Ride & Gathering will occur once a quarter in 2024



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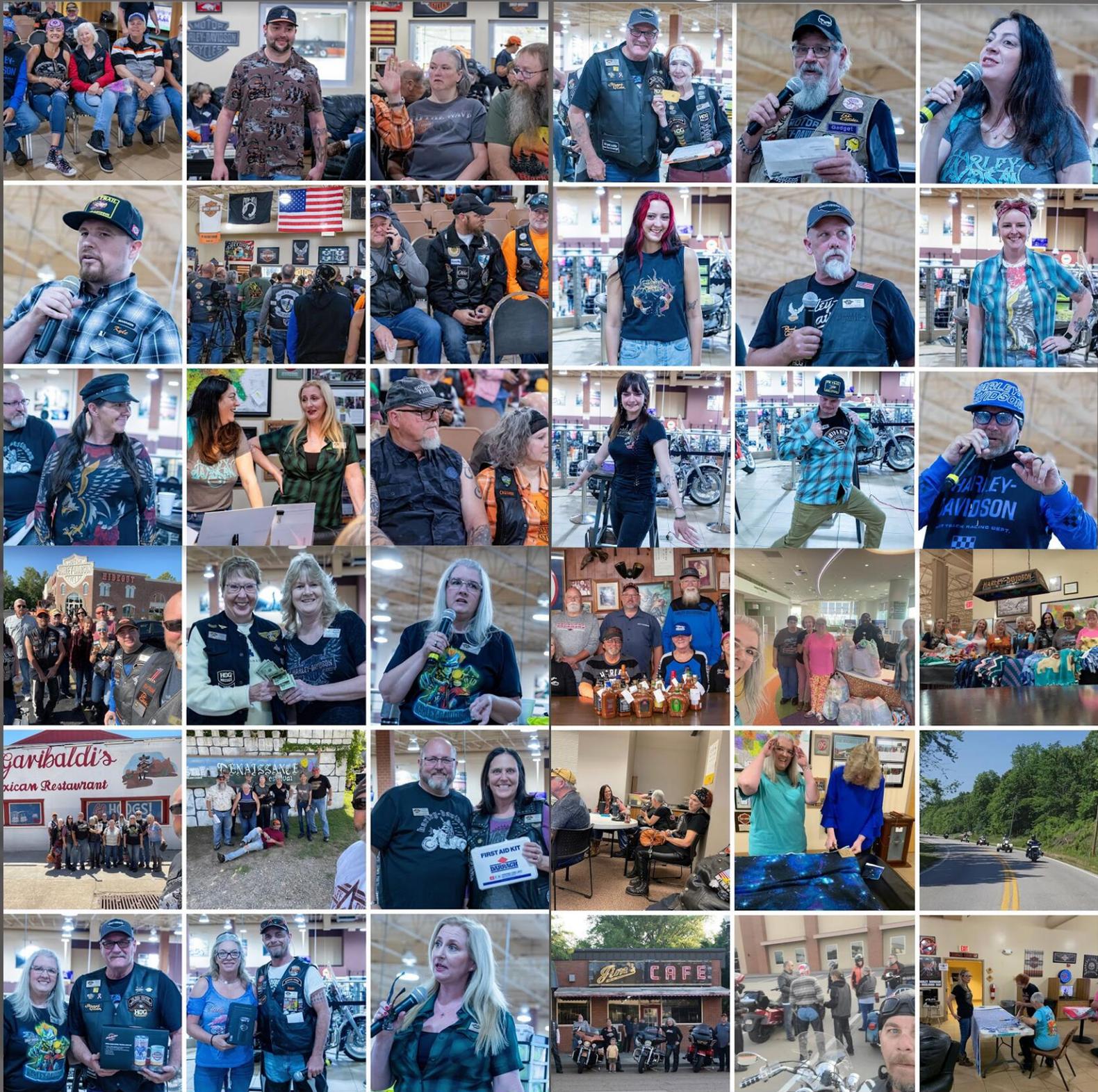


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