



### Under Pressure

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Riding season is filled with joy and happiness, as it allows us to get on the bikes and hit the open road. There are many routes and destinations in the area, as well as many types of trips. You can go solo, two-up, small group or larger planned rides. Whatever the case, they all come with their challenges but even greater rewards.

This article is about group rides, both small and large. As a Director of a HOG Chapter, one of the biggest challenges I have faced during my time, post COVID, is having enough Ride Leads and Sweeps to have 100% success. There have been rides cancelled, postponed, not finalized, or last minute due to this. Our current Road Captain, as well as the past few, have all had to deal with this. They work hard on pulling together people who can help, managing schedules, sending out request and communicating. Then they have to deal with the Director expecting more, right Preston? 😊

When I think about reasons for this, I know COVID changed a lot of peoples priorities and resulted in a change in life that was reset and we are having to build pieces back up. Most people avoid volunteering for things like this due to factors like time, knowledge, understanding, expectation, accountability, and the pressure that comes along with it. An old quote by one of the best NFL coaches, Chuck Noll, said "Pressure is what you feel when you don't know what you are doing".

We have worked hard this year providing educational sessions during meetings and training sessions like GPS planning. We also offered safety and skills training like the Harley Riders Course and Ride Like a Pro. We provide tools like ride lead packets, safety vest and first aide kits to use. We are trying to remove the pressure so you are comfortable in knowing what you are doing and willing to step up. I know a lot of you do and I greatly appreciate it. I also believe we will continue building on this and before long, we will have more than we need.

Thank you all in advance.... Let's Ride



### Fall Foliage Ride

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Hello, fellow riders. An important date is coming up. It's the final date for you to call and get your room reserved at Jack's Resort for the fall foliage trip. The resort is only blocking rooms until July 20th. After that date they cannot guarantee you will get a room. Reservation fees are \$75, with room rates being \$99 for a room with a kitchen and \$94 for a room without the kitchen. We are going to have a fun time. Not only with the rides and comradery, but the Bean Festival is the same weekend. Come join the fun, but don't wait too long to get your room. We will be staying at Jack's Fishing Resort at 237 Jacks Resort Rd, Mt View. Their number is 870-585-2211. Get the call in, and come have fun with the gang!





## Summertime Tire Check

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Summertime is here, and the riding season is in full swing. It's the perfect time to check your tires. If you haven't done so in the spring, now is the time to ensure your tire pressures are correct and that you have sufficient tread. Motorcycle tires can be expensive, but they're crucial for your safety. According to J.D. Power, the average price ranges from \$200 to \$500 per tire, plus labor.

I'm about to replace the front tire on my trike after 12,000+ miles. It has served me well, far exceeding the average of 3,000 miles. Unfortunately, the manufacturer no longer makes the tire I currently use, so I need to find an alternative. I've been asking other trike owners and checking Facebook groups (there are multiple Harley-Davidson trike groups online) for recommendations. However, reading advertisements hasn't been very helpful as they all claim to be the best.

Choosing the right tire involves understanding various factors such as tread pattern, tire composition, and riding conditions. Tread patterns can significantly affect handling and performance, especially in different weather conditions. For instance, a tire with deep grooves might perform better in wet conditions by channeling water away, reducing the risk of hydroplaning. On the other hand, tires designed for dry conditions usually have a different tread pattern that maximizes surface contact, offering better grip and control on dry roads. Understanding these nuances can help you make a more informed decision about what tire best suits your riding style and conditions.

Additionally, it's essential to consider the tire's load and speed ratings. These ratings indicate the maximum weight the tire can support and the highest speed it can safely maintain. Overlooking these ratings can lead to poor performance and increased wear and tear, potentially compromising your safety. Checking these specifications in your motorcycle's manual or consulting with a professional can ensure that you choose a tire that not only fits your bike but also meets your riding needs. Regular maintenance, such as checking tire pressure and inspecting for wear, can extend the life of your tires and enhance your riding experience.

According to Crow at PTHD, "The dealership is the place to go for tires. They have the training and expertise to advise you on what will fit your bike and your particular riding style." Dealerships have evaluated the various options and warranties to offer the best tires available while considering your budget.

By following these tips and seeking expert advice, you can ensure a safe and enjoyable riding season. Regularly checking and maintaining your tires will not only improve your motorcycle's performance but also significantly enhance your safety on the road.



## Dealership Check-in Rewards

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Did you know that besides Ride365 Dealership Check-in Challenge, there are two additional ways members can be rewarded for visiting Harley-Davidson dealerships? First, as part of the H-D Membership rewards program, every H.O.G. member who visits and checks in via the H-D app at participating H-D authorized dealers receives 100 reward points, which can be accumulated and redeemed for purchases online at H-D.com or at participating dealers. Secondly, members can be rewarded for dealership visits by participating in a monthly H-D App riding challenge. One element of the challenge is # of dealership check-ins through the H-D App.

Let's rack up those rewards! Ride to your Harley Davidson dealerships and check in with the H-D App.



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## Butterfield Overland Mail

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From a hunting route used by the Natives and then used for their removal in the 1830s, the cut road was awarded to John Butterfield by Congress in 1857 to be used as an overland mail route to connect the eastern US to the far western US. It became known as the Butterfield Overland Trail and had two starting points: St Louis and Memphis. The route went through Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, then went north into California ending in San Francisco. NPS.gov then goes on to say, "Starting in 1858, Butterfield stagecoaches left twice a week carrying passengers, freight, and mail. Averaging around 100 miles per day, drivers were able to reach San Francisco in 25 days or less. Butterfield Overland service lasted less than three years before it was disrupted by the Civil War and ultimately replaced by telegraph lines and more direct routes farther north. The Butterfield Overland Mail tied the American West more closely to the rest of the US. Previously, mail and travel to and from the Pacific Coast relied on twice-monthly service via a circuitous route across the Isthmus of Panama. While the Butterfield Overland lasted only until 1861, the operation and the trail it forged played a vital role in shaping and connecting the young United States in a time of territorial expansion and sectional tension."

Through MO into AR, these were the stations: Callahan's Station (near present-day Rogers), Fitzgerald's Station (near present-day Springdale), Fayetteville, Park's Station, Brodie's Station (Lee Creek), Woolsey's Station (also called Signal Hill), Van Buren, Fort Smith. You can see all the station stops at this web address:  
<https://www.nps.gov/articles/000/butterfield-overland-trail-stage-stations.htm>

The location of Callahan's Station is now at 506 E. Spruce Street, Rogers. Fitzgerald's Station and Farmstead can be visited at 2700 Dodd Ave, Springdale. In Fayetteville, the Butterfield Operation established a major stable and wagonworks location. The old Washington Co Courthouse on Bus. 71 is the location of this, and there's a historical marker noting it. Charles Butterfield, son of John, operated the Butterfield House hotel. No longer standing, it was located on what is now E Center St, across from the courthouse on the other side of Bus. 71.

An interactive map of the trail with noted stops is at this website:  
[https://www.fayettevillehistory.org/2007/01/butterfield\\_tra.html](https://www.fayettevillehistory.org/2007/01/butterfield_tra.html)

There's so much history in our neck of the woods.



## Be Cool

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Seems the transition from Spring to Summer was not gradual, but it happened instantly. According to the National Weather Service, we are experiencing the first major heat wave of the summer at the time I'm writing this in late June. The weather index is what the weather feels like accounting for both temperature and humidity, and the index is expected to reach 105 degrees in some areas. Our bodies do have natural ways to dissipate heat but when temperatures get extreme, sometimes they just can't keep up.

This year is slated to be the hottest on record so what can we do to still enjoy riding? Stay hydrated so your body produces the sweat needed. This sounds disappointing, but avoiding alcohol is probably a good idea. Drink water or sports drinks to stay hydrated. Wear clothing that helps with cooling such as cooling vests sold at Pig Trail. Choose light colors that reflect the sun's rays rather than absorb them. Choose synthetic fabrics like polyester or bamboo that are lightweight, breathable, and wick away moisture. Stay informed. Sometimes the weather service issues heat alerts too late. Be aware some medications can make you more at risk of heat exhaustion. Be proactive and look out for others around you.



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## Many More Things To Come

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Here we are seven months into this great year . But don't worry, we still have many more rides and events ahead of us. With all of the hot days to come, make sure to be safe, wear your sunscreen, and stay hydrated at all times.

As we head into July, I'm happy to announce that we have had very good success in covering most of the rides but, there are still a few more that need a lead and a sweep. Make sure to check out our website for more information on any rides that you may be able to help out with .

As most of you know, there are many changes on the way in the coming year. Many of the current officers are stepping down, and we will be looking for new members to step up and take on these openings. As a current officer, I'm looking forward to seeing who might be stepping up to take the opportunity to help our great chapter keep growing. I myself plan on staying on as the Road Captain. I have had a great time this past year and I want to see where this chapter can go from here. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas please feel free to share them with me at anytime.

Don't forget about the challenge books and the bonus points when I give you the bonus challenges. Make the most out of the remaining months of this year and enjoy your rides and activities and most of all stay safe.

## Jumping In

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First, I want to give appreciation to Jennifer Williamson for her service and leadership for Ladies of Harley as well as the LOH committee that has helped to organize some great activities the first half of the year including the Cookie Run and No-sew Blankets as well as our Mardi Gras celebration. I look forward to serving as the LOH officer and plan to continue the tradition of providing rides, social events and community service activities sponsored by our lady chapter members. Second, thank you to all the committee members, officers and chapter members who encouraged me to step in to the position vacancy. Knowing I have your support made the decision easy.

If you've not been involved with LOH much or at all, I encourage you to keep an eye out for our full schedule of rides and activities for the remainder of the year, some of which are open to all HOG Chapter members or spouses/partners of our lady members. LOH events are always open to all ladies, whether you ride your own, ride 2-up or drive. One of the biggest events each year is our LOH Mystery Dinner that is scheduled for Sunday, September 15th. Please take a minute to register for this event via Hog Scan or by emailing LOH@pigtrailhog.com. Once we know how many are attending, we'll be able to share the ticket cost. Having just joined the PTHD HOG chapter last August, the first chapter event I attended was the LOH Mystery Dinner in September. I met so many great people and had such fun and now I am super excited to be hosting it at my house this year!



## Account Update

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Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075

Account Balance as of

June 15, 2024

**\$1,391.86**

**CHAPTER RIDE**

11:30am

**KSU Time: 11:30am**  
**KSU Location: PTHD**

each month following the chapter meeting...

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## Spring In The Rear View Mirror

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Well it is time for your riding to heat up. Hot weather protocols are in place and hydration is one of the keys to keeping you safe, sunscreen to be applied to resist solar maximus will be in effect (with little relief).

Once again our members stepped up to volunteer to fill the needs for the Ozark Mountain Rumble Rally. At this writing, the results were not in for the water sales but with the mercury trending upward, the promise of thirsty riders could make it a great event for the chapter.

Our big event of course is Bikes, Blues, and Barbecue. With having opportunities for our volunteers to shine, it is a win for the chapter as well our sponsor PTHD. If you are new to the chapter, volunteering can help you make new friends and to get to know the chapter better.

That's why Polly and Bruce did it. It opened up a whole new world of adventures to new places, with new friends, and things we had never tried before.



## Cream Filling

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

When I stop at a red light I always keep the bike in first gear and my hand holding the clutch with the other hand on the throttle. This is a safety measure that allows me to move quickly out of the way if there is a problem behind my bike. I have been to several crashes where a bike was stopped at a red light then hit from behind by a car. The bike was knocked into oncoming traffic, run over or crushed between vehicles. Several riders were injured and two were killed in this type of crash. The riders had the bike in neutral and their hands were not on the handle bars. This prevented the rider from moving out of the way in time to avoid being hit. I never stop at a light with the bike directly behind the middle of a vehicle. I stop at the edge of my lane whether on the right or left side of the car in front of me so I can see the side mirrors of that car. I leave a car length between me and the car in front of me. The escape route in an emergency is to pull up beside the car in front of you or off the road if there is room. I constantly check my mirrors to see if a vehicle is about to run into me. My hand can get tired from holding the clutch in for a long time at a light. That is just part of being safe on a bike. Being ready to move out of the way at a light can be the difference of riding home that day or becoming the cream filling of the Oreo cookie when someone crushes you between stopped cars.



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