



Focus on the Ride!

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We are in the dog days of summer with temperatures staying in the 90 degree range on most days. I always look forward to some cooler days and fall to hurry up. However, once that happens it seems to turn cold quick and then I look forward to spring. Weather may not be perfect most of the year, but the goal of Ride and Have Fun never changes.

As a chapter in Harley Owners Group (HOG), I really look at why we do what we do and what it really comes down to. Being the Director, I think this question is important to managing a chapter. It really does boil down to Ride and Have Fun. There is a lot of work the officers put into planning and organizing. There is frustration at times when things do not go right, we struggle to find help, things cost more than we want, etc.... but if we keep in mind our main purpose, these things are okay.

We strive to be great and I keep my motto of Expect Excellence. We just have to keep in mind this is a chapter of members. Some who decide to serve as officers for a season, but overall we are all just a group of riders. It really is a member's chapter and not a work organization with owners, bosses, or managers. Success depends on all of us to make it the best chapter in the country.

When I keep this focus, it makes it a lot more enjoyable. Unlike a job, if things in our chapter do not go as planned or as desired, it is fine. We could eliminate all meetings, events, activities, and just focus on the simple task of riding and we would still be a great chapter. I enjoy all the other things and most of the time they go great. At the rare times they do not, it is the members who are speaking with actions and telling us this event or activity is not important. We have dropped some rides and activities based on this. Again, this is fine because it is a member's chapter.

This article is a bit of insight into the backend workings but also a reminder to me and the officer team. As long as we keep focused on Ride and Have Fun, the rest is just bonus.



Opportunities

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I recently got to take a sneak peek at the challenge book for next year. I was surprised by the number of opportunities to "get out and ride". I shouldn't have been but when I saw it in writing, it was a new appreciation and realization of just what a beautiful area we are in and the numerous opportunities. I was also recently looking for a picture of an event that had occurred a while back and had to scroll through a bunch of prior events to get to it. Again, it was a reminder of just how many events the chapter and the dealership have going on. So, stay cool because we still have one more month of hot weather and get out and enjoy the many rides and events.





We Need YOU!

- Jeffrey "Sleepy" Bushey - Assistant Director

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Are you ready to take your fun with the chapter to the next step? We have plenty of volunteer opportunities: Asst Director, Secretary, Membership and Webmaster are some of the primary roles we need volunteers for. Not ready for a primary role, how about joining one of the committees that make this whole thing work. The chapter doesn't function without a number of volunteers like you. We are a large chapter, very active, and it takes all of you getting involved to make it work.

I want to address one position in particular, Webmaster. Its title is misleading. No longer is the webmaster a high-tech guru. Today's webmaster is an advertising/editor putting together the slides on HOG TV and the meme's we send out on social media. It's a fun position where you can get all your creative juices flowing. I won't lie, there is work to be done but nothing that a couple of hours per week won't cover. The ideal candidate will have some experience with photoshop or equivalent, but if you are naturally artistic you can learn the tools.

No matter how you choose to help, we appreciate every one of you. This just wouldn't be fun without you.



LOH Director Note Headline

- Laura Berg - Ladies of Harley

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A year ago this month, I purchased my first Harley and joined the PTHD Chapter. I jumped in with both feet, participating in rides, supporting dealership events, volunteering, and putting miles on my bike on roads across the region. In July, I received my HOG 10,000-mile patch and I stepped into leading Ladies of Harley. As I look back on the year, I'm awed by the memories I've made and the number of new people who are part of my life because of this chapter. More importantly, I'm energized to support our chapter by providing our female members opportunities and events that give space for learning, sharing experiences, and forging lasting friendships. Networks like Ladies of Harley (LOH) offer invaluable support, creating a sisterhood that's both empowering and inspiring. The LOH committee met in July to plan out the next six months. While some activities are just for the ladies, there are others open to partners/spouses or all members in hopes that there is a little bit of something for everyone. The LOH committee is not a closed group, so if you feel called to be part of the committee, reach out to me anytime and I'll get you involved. Have an idea about something we can do, just let me know! I'll close with a final reminder that the big social event for the ladies each year is the Mystery Dinner, which is September 15th. Don't miss out on getting signed up at the August meeting or send me an email at LOH@pigtrailhog.com and I'll share details on how to reserve your ticket.

Sassafras Springs
Vineyard & Winery

LOH evening of wine and jazz at
Sassafras Springs Vineyard
Visit event calendar at pigtrailhog.com for details

AUGUST 31, 2024

MYSTERY DINNER

Ladies, don't miss LOH's biggest event of the year! The mystery dinner is a great time to have fun, socialize and meet new people

SEPTEMBER 15TH AT 12:30 PM

Be sure to sign-up and pay before August 10th. Cost is \$15. No Refunds!
Event will be held at Laura Berg's house - 623 W. Olive St., Rogers



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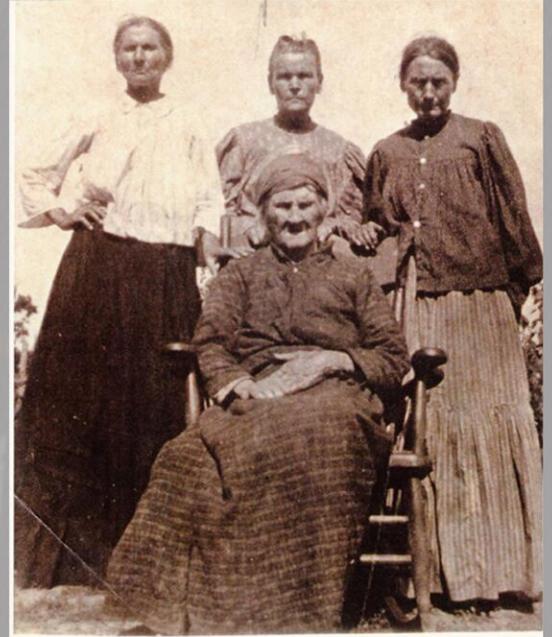


Trail of Tears, Butterfield Overland Mail, Telegraph/Wire Road, and the Civil War

- Sheila "Casper" Branham - Secretary
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The Natives marched beginning in 1838. The mail route began in 1858. Telegraph wire was strung in 1860. The road brought two armies into NWA beginning the Battle of Pea Ridge in 1862. We all know about the Battle of Pea Ridge with it being right here in our backyard, so to speak. The Battle at Prairie Grove was not too far off the Telegraph as it runs through Fayetteville. From Fayetteville, the road continued through the Boston Mountains into Van Buren, and ended its Arkansas trail with a ferry ride into Fort Smith. It's at these points south of us that are a little more personal to Sean and me.

Family history stories say that a man found an Indian woman in a cave in Missouri, and they ended up in the Van Buren area without crossing into Indian Nation Territory. We believe that to be Sean's third great-grandparents, Jonathan Rogers (of Indiana) and Annie Combs (English name; of Kentucky). Before the war, beginning about 1840, they lived in the Jasper Township of Crawford County. That's north of VB, but south of Cedarville. Beginning in 1871, Jonathan gave a list of crops and other items the military took and used for their troupes during the Civil War. He made a deposition to the courts about what all happened in the hope of getting back from the US government the value of what the army took. In the spring of 1863 he moved to Ft Gibson, Cherokee Nation, then with the protection of the Union Army they moved back to Van Buren that fall. He rented 160 acres located about two miles from Van Buren. Jonathan stated, "This farm was located directly on the road running North to Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Springfield, Missouri, which road was continually traveled by scouts Army trains and military mail parties passing between the military posts mentioned." "Soldiers were passing continuously on the road beside which a great many soldiers came to my house from Van Buren for the purpose of eating and feeding their horses." The family remained there until January 1865 and moved to Fayetteville, "a military post, where I remained until the close of the war".



Center Seated: Annie Combs Rogers
Top Left: E. Cordelia (Delia) Rogers Branham
Top Center: Arkansas (Can) Rogers
Top Right: Matilda Elizabeth Rogers

In almost 30 years between the Native march and the end of the Civil War, that trail has endured many foot prints. Parts of the trail can still be walked, but we can also ride on or very near the same route. The following web address will show you an interactive map of the trail from the AR/MO state line to Fort Smith:
https://www.fayettevillehistory.org/2007/01/butterfield_tra.html

Happy trails to you!



Account Update

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

\$1,848.65

Chapter Meeting
PIG TRAIL CHAPTER WEST ARKANSAS
HOG
 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



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Freedom

- Toni Douglas - Membership

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Have you all met Shellie Westfall? If you have been on a recent ride or to our chapter meeting, you have seen her, and I wanted you to get a chance to learn about Shellie. She is a more recent rider, but there is no mistaking the heart and soul of a Harley rider in this lady. She began riding in March of 2023 as part of her journey to freedom and freedom is what she found. Shellie started riding with a 2005 Honda Shadow and has since moved on to a Tri-Glide classic. "I have found my true love. Riding and the Pig Trail Chapter", says Shellie. We didn't even have to pay her to say that. She has found what we want all members to find, a place to have fun and ride with our Pig Trail family.

In addition to her chapter family, Shellie has a beautiful daughter, Bonnie, and 2 wonderful grandchildren, Brody and Oakleigh. Just in case you happen to be in North Carolina and you think you see Shellie but she doesn't say hi, it's probably her identical twin sister. You will have the opportunity to see double, no drinking necessary, on our August Chapter ride as she will be visiting.

If you haven't heard, Shellie has had two break downs on her bike during two different chapter rides. Thankfully she was always safe, and her bike is all good now. During those times I am proud to say the HOG chapter was there for her and the ride leads & sweeps ensured she was taken care of. So far, the chapter ride to Talimena has been her biggest and most memorable ride. I believe Shellie is going to have many more awesome adventures with the HOG chapter. So, reach out, say hello and welcome her to the family.



Welcome New Members: Lawrence Glass, Rudy Gonzalez, and Courtney Gonzalez



Thank You

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain

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Wow this year is just flying by so fast, and I haven't been able to get very many miles on Scooby. I just want to take a minute and thank all of our great volunteers that have taken the time to help out by leading and sweeping rides so far this year. There is still plenty of opportunities to lend a helping hand this year.

I would like to personally thank Judge and his committee for taking the lead to help out by putting a lot of time in preparing and organizing the challenge book for next year. I personally think that next year's challenge book is going to be a very big hit with everyone that joins us in the challenge.

I had the pleasure of leading the July chapter ride with a very good group of people. We had eighteen bikes and trikes with twenty four people. A big thanks to Jeffrey for sweeping for me . Again, thanks to everyone that has helped us make this year a success so far, and don't forget that we do have a few empty slots in our schedule.



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Did You Know?

- Chris "Bones" Main - Activities
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Hello fellow wind therapy addicts. Many of you know I've been an avid rider for roughly 20 years. Through that time I have grown to love the "biker" community and seen how they are always willing to lend a hand. A dead battery, a starter that refuses to start anything, or being 100s of miles from home and having your transmission stop transing.

Something I didn't know until recently is there's an untaught and unspoken communication to fellow riders. Many of us were taught when we were learning to drive a car that if you break down, and can't fix it, pop up the hood so fellow drivers knew you needed help. Well our motorcycles don't have a hood, but we have helmets. In that I mean the next time you have troubles on the road, or if you see a fellow biker on the shoulder, a helmet on the ground behind your bike is that same help request. Now hopefully this doesn't jinx anyone, but hopefully this helps enhance your rides.



One Team. Are You Ready to Volunteer for BBB?

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators
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Greetings Members!

This years BBB will be 9/18 – 9/21.

However, at PTHD they start their celebration early, on 9/14. More time for fun! You all have probably heard of the many things that the Dealership / Kyle does for us. There are so many more that are done behind the scenes you never hear about. This is why we are committed to try our hardest to find member volunteers whenever they ask for them. We hope that each and every one of you will give serious consideration to our request when we make them known. Look at dates and times and see if you might have have just a few hours to donate to your chapter or the dealership.

All of the current or former officers can tell you that we have met members from other HOG Chapters that have been impressed when they hear we are from the Pig Trail Chapter 2075. We are proud to wear the Pig Trail patch on the back of our vests.

Now lets show them how much we appreciate all they do!

The Sign up sheets for needs are on the upstairs pool table at PTHD on the Chapter meeting days.
See Polly if you need details.



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Comfort

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

To really enjoy a ride we must relax on the bike. One of the best ways to stay relaxed is to have a bike that fits us and is comfortable. Nearly everything on a bike can be adjusted or replaced to keep the rider comfortable. The position of hands, seat and feet are the most important comfort points on a bike. The height and weight of the bike is also important. A bike that is too tall, too heavy or too small is not comfortable. A bike should be chosen for the type of riding we will be doing.

I recently changed from an Ultra Limited to a Street Glide. I went to see Dusty in the parts dept. to help make the bike fit me better and be more comfortable. Dusty helped me pick out a new seat that was lower. Dusty also showed me a passenger backrest and passenger floorboards that my wife really likes. I rolled the handlebars to a forward position that was more comfortable. I rolled both the clutch and front brake levers forward so my wrists were in a flat position when I use those controls. I added a heel toe shifter because that was what I was accustomed to using. All of these were minor changes to the bike but made major changes its comfort and handling.

Check your own bike for comfort. Seat height should let you touch the ground with boot feet at the same time. Handlebars should let you keep your arms slightly bent and your hands not too wide apart or too close together. Some people are comfortable with tall ape hangers. I had a bike with 17 inch tall bars that was surprisingly comfortable for me but I do prefer traditional bars. The clutch and front brake levers need to be easy to reach while your wrists stay flat. The tension on the clutch can be adjusted on most bikes so the friction zone is closer or farther away from the hand grip. The strength of the pull on the clutch can also be adjusted on most bikes. Foot controls can be forward, mid or rear like sport bikes depending on the rider. Suspension can be adjusted for more control and comfort especially with a passenger or luggage added on the bike.

The setup on a bike should be tailored to the individual rider. I have seen small short people ride tall heavy bikes and tall heavy people ride little bikes because they felt comfortable on them. A slight change can make a huge difference in control and comfort. Before you make any changes to your bike, talk to the experts in the parts dept. They can tell you what the change will do to the bike for comfort and handling. They will also tell you if a part fits your bike. I could have saved a lot of time, money and uncomfortable rides in the past if I had checked with the parts dept. before I made changes to my bikes.



Seats & Backrests



Brakes & Suspension



Foot Controls



Handlebars & Controls

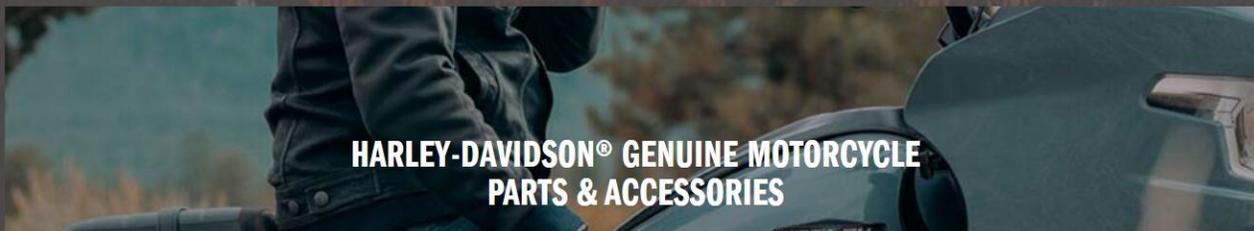


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