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RIDE FOR YOUR LIFE

- Sean "Ole' Ticker" Branham - Director
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What does riding a motorcycle mean to you? How does it fit within your life?

I started riding in 2017 and can't imagine life without it now. There are many layers the enjoyment of riding brings to me. Getting on the bike and hitting the road opens up an adventure in itself. Exploring the beauty of the Arkansas countryside, mountains, and valleys takes you away from the hustle of daily life. While riding these routes, you are likely going to experience the wildlife of the area and the history of the area through historic locations, old towns, and abandoned buildings.

Another layer, and my favorite, is experiencing all of this with my ride-or-die. Mounting up on the Harley with Sheila behind me as we take off on various adventures can't be beat. Feeling the wind blow in our face, the sun shining down on us, the music playing in our ear, and the conversations we have while riding through these small towns and beautiful countryside is something that would be hard to live without. I can't count the number of towns we have gone through and learned about local history.

So to me, riding means experiences and memories that will last a lifetime. It means doing life together with my wife, as well as friends. It means seeing parts of this great country that is not seen from the main roads. Riding is not just a lifestyle; it is part of life itself. RIDE AND HAVE FUN...



THE BIKES ARE COMING

- Chris "Bones" Main - Activities
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Good day HOG country! As the title says, the bikes are coming - the bikes are coming. Bikes, Blues, and BBQ is getting closer each day. If you are like me, you are excited and ready for the rally to arrive. As a chapter we will be selling water at the dealership each day, as well as a few other things the dealership will need a hand with. Of course, the rally will have live music at the different venues. Those venues being the dealership, downtown Rogers, and of course Eureka Springs. We will need volunteers to help with water sales, which will help with the Christmas party cost. You can find a list of each days events on the official website for the rally, <https://bikesbluesandbbq.org/event-schedule/>.

The one event I always look forward to, but there is no information on yet, is the poker runs on Friday and Saturday mornings. They aren't listed on the website but they should still be part of the festivities. I hope to have that information update by our September chapter meeting. The biggest and most important part of the rally coming is there will be a MAJOR influx of bikes and people in the area, so please everyone ride safely and watch out for those not watching for us. We definitely don't want anyone getting hurt. So come out, help with water sales, enjoy some fun, laughs, and good conversations. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



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RIDING SEASON IS NOT OVER YET

- Jeffrey "Sleepy" Bushey - Assistant Director

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September is upon us, signaling the approach of cooler weather and the vibrant colors of fall. But before we bid farewell to the riding season, there's still plenty of time to hit the open road. With 3-4 months of riding left, your chapter has an exciting lineup to keep the thrill alive. From the adrenaline of BBB to the camaraderie of LOH Rides, Chapter Adventure rides, the stunning fall foliage, and the much-anticipated X-Mas party, there's something for everyone. For me, the vibrant hues of fall foliage serve as a vivid reminder that summer is giving way to autumn. But what about you? Do you hang up your helmet when the thermometer dips below 50 degrees, or are you the type who relishes the crisp air, embracing the frosty knuckles as a badge of honor? Regardless, this season offers the perfect backdrop for making memories on two three wheels



LET'S COME TOGETHER, MORE!

- Laura Berg - Ladies of Harley

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I hope you enjoyed the final month of summer and stayed cool on your bikes either as a rider or a 2-up.

Riding is not only a hobby, but also a way of life. It's a way to connect with nature, with ourselves, and with each other. Throughout the summer, we welcomed several new Lady HOG members and a few female guests. It's great to see our club consistently growing with others who share our passion for riding.

I want to encourage all female members to join our Ladies of Harley events and activities, where you can meet other riders and motorcycle enthusiasts, make new friends, and have a great time. The LOH planning committee recently penned in the majority of our activities for the rest of the year. We have the Mystery Dinner on September 15 and a family event to Dogwood Canyon on October 13. In November we will help out PTHD and honor our veterans by serving lunch after the Veterans Ride and on weekends from Black Friday through Christmas we will offer gift wrapping services for shoppers as a way to raise money for charity. A good mix of end-of-season rides and networking!

Do you have an idea for what more LOH can be doing? Please consider either dropping me an email (LOH@pigtrailhog.com) or better yet, let me know you'd like to be on the planning committee. We'll be getting together in the fourth quarter to start planning next year.

Let's ride come together and make Pig Trail LOH the best it can be!



SHORT AND SWEET

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer

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My article is short since all I have on my mind is water sales and BB&B. Crossing our fingers for the sun to be blazing down during Bikes Blues & Barbecue, sending thirsty people to our tent. Not that blazing hot weather is pleasant for riding or volunteering in, but it certainly helps with water sales. Thank you to Joe Ferguson for donating the water, the Turner's for lending us your cart, Chris for organizing and the volunteers signed up to sell. It takes a village! Hopefully, ice cold water will be a big hit.



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GIVING THANKS WHERE THANKS IS DESERVED

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain

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As officers we sometimes forget to give thanks where it is needed. Almost every meeting, as officers, we stand before all of our members asking for some kind of help for different things from ride leads and sweeps, to special events committee's, to gift wrappers, and our biggest ask is volunteers to help sell water to generate money for our yearly Christmas party.

This year has been no exception to our asking for help in many ways, so I'm sending out a big thanks to everyone that has stepped up and volunteered for everything. Three big things that I want to give a big thanks. The first one is to everyone that has made this year a big success in our chapter rides. The last meeting, I had a few openings for ride leads and with the help of our great members you all stepped up and filled all of the openings. Therefore the next 90 days all of our rides will happen. The second one is to the Christmas planning committee for all the hard work they have done to make this year's Christmas party a success. And the third one is to all the people that have done a lot of work on next year's ride challenge book. I know for a fact that the last two things on my list have had a lot of hard work and dedication to make things happen.

I know that all of you have heard this before but here it is again, there is no "I" in team. It takes all of us to keep growing this chapter and the coming year is no exception. With all the open officer positions, it will be an extra challenging year. But, I have faith that with our great team we will continue to grow and we will continue to make big things happen.

On behalf of all of the chapter officers, I would love to thank each and every single member of this great chapter. Without all of you, we would not have such a wonderful HOG chapter at one of the greatest dealerships in the country. And last but not least I want to thank Paul and Kyle Johnson and their great employees for everything they do to help our chapter grow. Thanks to everyone at Pig Trail Harley Davidson.



Shout Out to New Members!

- Toni Douglas - Membership

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In August we added 5 new members! If you are a new member this year, and/or want to meet some officers and learn more about the chapter, please join us for a special new member ride. This ride is just for you! Sunday September 8th, kickstands up (KSU) meaning we leave at 3PM, meeting at Pig Trail Harley Dealership outside the service department doors. We will be riding to Waldo's Chicken in Bentonville where you will get a chance to ask questions about the chapter and get to know the officer team. Please go to the website or app for details and to RSVP so we know you are coming!

Welcome New Members:

1. Travis Chupp
2. Debbie Canfarelli
3. Steve Canfarelli
4. Christopher Marquez
5. Brian Roberts

Hello
my name is
New Member

New Member
Ride Gathering

09.08.24
KSU

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: Waldo's Chicken

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

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Remebering Our Past

- Sheila "Casper" Branham - Secretary

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After the chapter ride in August, being such a beautiful day for a ride, we stopped by the Pea Ridge National Military Park. With all my talk about the routes and footprints, I wanted to see it all again. Yes, I've driven through there before, but it's so much different now that I know family history is a part of this park. We pulled up alongside each of the boards that had info about each stop. Our first one was the Trail of Tears. I got off the bike and inspected the sign and the little pathway. Unfortunately, you can't walk far. Trees from the latest tornado/wind are down over the path. We hopped back on the bike and headed to Elkhorn Tavern. That's what I was looking forward to. The park has done a good job of the area with the tavern. Next to it are a couple of monuments representing the Civil War Battle of Pea Ridge. One represents the Confederate Generals that died during the war (erected in 1887), and the other was dedicated by veterans on both sides in 1889. These days, you park and walk to the tavern. I didn't realize until we left that we had actually walked the Trail of Tears/Butterfield Coach/Military road. It runs along the front of the tavern from the parking lot leading into the woods as a walking trail.

We got back on the bike and headed back to the first stop in the park. I wanted a picture or two of Sean on the same trail as his ancestors. Attached are the photos of Sean on the trail and a photo of the Elkhorn Tavern circa 1940 I saved from the Facebook page of Historic Benton County. The picket fence and archway are no longer there. The archway says "The First Trading Post", "The Old Stage Coach Stop", and "The Trail of Tears". History was not my favorite subject, but when you add ancestors to specific places, it's a little different than what you remember. I now enjoy history. (Does this mean I'm old?).



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Account Update

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer

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Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075
Account Balance as of
August 20, 2024

\$362.70

Chapter Meeting



SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH

10:00am

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Join us for updates, information,
education, and have some fun...

Raffle

Check in at HOG Central

50/50 Drawing



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INFORMATION YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators

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A little about us: We purchased our Trikes new here at PTHD. Bruce in 2014 and Polly in 2016. This HOG Chapter reached out to us and invited us to join. At the time we were working full time at jobs that involved weekends and thought to ourselves "later."

Then we were at PTHD at an event, that I think was the Ugly Sweater Contest, before Christmas. The Chapter had a membership table there and we decided to go ahead and become Members, even though we still had only limited time to participate. We attended some meetings but didn't know anyone or socialize much.

Then there was an article in the Newsletter where the Activity Officers, who at the time were Becky and Scott Fite, were asking for someone to be a Volunteer Coordinator to help them when they needed volunteers. We thought that would be great way to get to know some people.

We interviewed with Becky (Almighty) and "Judge" Patterson, who was the Director. They outlined what they were looking for and told us that to their knowledge, no other HOG Chapter had a position like this. If it was a success, other chapters might follow suit.

We were given a great amount of flexibility on how to set this up. Thanks, "Judge", for your belief in us. We learned a lot on that day about HOG Chapter and actually have continued to learn more each year.

Some of the things we have learned, but that many of you already know, are that you can't just become a HOG Chapter because a bunch of friends ride Harleys and want to start a HOG Chapter. A Chapter must be sponsored by a Harley-Davidson Dealership. That is why we are the Pig Trail HOG Chapter. Each dealership can only have one chapter. Because this a huge international organization, there are all kinds of rules and paperwork. We have found that all Dealerships don't do all the same things for their Chapters. Let's just say that we're lucky. To start and maintain a chapter, you MUST have 4 officers: Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary. Each chapter can then add any other officers they think are needed, but these are ancillary. Our Chapter has Road Captain, Activities, Membership, Webmaster / Marketing, LOH and Volunteers. Speaking of which, we had no idea that Volunteers was even going to be an officer position. We just understood that we were to help out the Activities Officers when they needed Volunteers.

This position has evolved a little each year and we are still learning. Our hope is that when we are ready to leave this position that it will be well defined for the next Volunteer Coordinator. But with each year, we have been very very grateful for our members who give of their time generously and expecting nothing in return and for friendships we have made along the way.

What month is it? BBB month. So much Fun to come!

LADIES HARLEY HOG

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 Refund!
Event will be held at Laura Berg's house - 623 W. Olive St., Rogers

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FALL FOLIAGE 2022

October 24-27

KSU Date: Oct 24
KSU Location: PTHD
KSU Time: 9:00am

Details for reservations can be found in the event details at pigtrailhog.com

DESTINATION: Jack's Fishing Resort - Mt View, AR

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Safety Tips - Turning from a Stop

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

Turning right from a stop is more difficult for most riders than turning left. The width of a two lane road may be 20 to 24 feet. One lane is usually 10 to 12 feet wide. Many riders will cross over the center line and enter into the oncoming lane of traffic. Some riders make the first movement of the bike straight ahead for a couple of feet then start the turn. This eliminates valuable space in your turning radius pushing the bike wide through the turn. The fix is easy if you set the bike up for success before you start the turn. Stop your bike as far to the left in your lane as you can. This can add several more feet of turning space. Turn your handle bars to the right. Riders can even stop with their bike at a right angle to the road making the turn much less sharp. Look right as far down the road as you can. The first movement of the bike should be to the right. Keep your eyes right and the bike will turn sharper to the right. I see many riders turn the handlebars right but then turn their eyes straight and bars straight as they start their turn causing the bike to go straight before they turn. The first movement of the bike needs to be to the right then keep turning right until the turn is complete. Keep the clutch in the friction zone through the turn. Many riders let the clutch out too fast in a turn. The rider then has to speed up to keep the bike from stalling. This action pushes the bike wider in the turn. A normal turn should be slow and steady until the bike is straight in the lane then let the clutch out and speed up as needed. An easy way to practice this skill is to make turns in a parking lot. Stop with your front tire on one of the painted parking spaces. Turn the bars right look right then turn without crossing over the next painted parking line. Most parking spaces are a little less width than a traffic lane. If you can turn right in a parking space without crossing the line turning on a roadway should be easy.



New HOG Benefit - Viator

- Michael "Grim" Douglas - Webmaster

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As a HOG member you can receive 10% discount on travel experiences, including over 300,000 tours, activities, and attractions worldwide at Viator, the newest HOG benefit. How do you receive your 10% discount on Viator? You will visit the benefits section on the National HOG Website (Not pigtrailhog.com) at <https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/account/membership/my-benefits.html>, and expand the partner benefits section, and then click "Get Started Now" link.

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Once you are redirected to the Viator website, validate that the Harley Davidson Logo and Membership text appear in the top left hand corner of the page.



At this point, you can sign up for an account with Viator and start to enjoy your HOG 10% discount as you book your new travel experiences.



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