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Fall Thoughts

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Time passes quickly. It was recently that the heat was so bad I was hoping fall would already get here. Now we sit and see the sun setting earlier and less daylight hours to ride. I guess there is no winning and really, very limited perfect days to ride. However, if you are able to get on the bike and ride, I guess it makes it a perfect day.

Fall is upon us, and it reminds me to talk about a couple of things. It reminds me that I need to start looking at my fall and winter riding. Do my long sleeve shirts, jackets, coats, gloves, etc.... all still fit and in good condition? Do I have the essentials for fall and winter riding ready to go? I also like to do a full bike inspection that includes checking all my gear, doing the routine TCLOC inspection, as well as just looking and checking all details of the bike inside and out.

The other thing fall reminds me to talk about is our volunteers. We start winding down the activities and rides for the year. Even though there are a few left, they are mostly planned and ready to go. It takes the full membership team to step up and fill the gaps needed by volunteering. We had a slow start to the year but as time went on, you all stepped up more and more and I think we ended the season in great shape. Thank you all for making this happen. Your willingness is what takes us from a good chapter to a great chapter. We could not do it without you!

Thank you for serving the chapter. Let's hope the fall is filled with perfect weather and if not.... Well... SCREW IT, LET'S RIDE



Thank You

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer
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I'm writing this while at Pig Trail HD dealership and there is a steady flow of people coming through the door. What an exciting time for our dealership and the community! It definitely takes a small village working together in order for an event like this to be successful. Thank you to Dave & Karen for your generosity and trusting us with your golf cart. Thank you to Bev Longley for the hours spent in the tent selling water and your expertise and thank you to all of the many members who volunteered their time selling water and helping the dealership in different areas.

Here is our latest Account Update before BBB Water Sales
Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075
Account Balance as of
September 15, 2024

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A Tale of Two Rallies

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October has arrived! The days are getting shorter, temperatures are fluctuating, and BBB has wrapped up. I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy the fun and camaraderie of this wonderful event. I've been fortunate to live in two rally cities—here for BBB and in Lake George, NY for Americade. Like BBB, Americade is also a week-long celebration. It's a gathering of friendly, funloving individuals for whom motorcycling is a social activity; it's never been about hostility or reckless speeding. It embodies the sentiment of the former President & CEO of Harley Davidson: "Something We Never Want to Lose." It's a joyous celebration of riding through the beautiful Adirondacks of the Northeast. Similar to BBB, it's an all-inclusive rally, although I might perceive BBB to be slightly larger.

Bikes, Blues and BBQ stands as the world's largest charity motorcycle rally, supporting women, children, and underserved members of the Northwest Arkansas community. Enthusiasts from everywhere come to revel in the incredible riding through the Ozarks. With our stunning landscapes known as some of the finest riding terrain globally, we attract over 400,000 motorcycle lovers.

I'd like to extend a heartfelt shout-out to all the volunteers who made the rally a success. You are the heart and soul of our chapter, and a huge thank you is in order! I was on site every day, meeting both new and longtime members coming together to ensure our yearly fundraiser was a triumph. It was hot... and then even hotter, yet you all persevered. Bravo to our amazing volunteers! Until next month...



Reminiscing the Glory Days

- Sheila "Casper" Branham - Secretary

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As I write this, July 18th, it's a beautiful day. This morning was the perfect temp. I had a few errands to run and decided to take the trike. I made my way to Hobby Lobby for a couple of things, and I came out of the store to a lady, I'm guessing in her 80s, asking if she can look at my bike. She made comments about the bike with a big smile on her face so I asked if she ever rode. "Oh yes," she said. "My husband and I had a bike such a long time ago". "Back when we lived in California, we once took it all the way to Georgia. It was such a wonderful trip." She also told me they had moved to the Oregon coast and that's where she lived until she made the move to Arkansas to live with her daughter since she couldn't really live on her own anymore. About that time, her daughter walked up. The lady explained that her husband had passed away about 14 years ago, and that she really hadn't thought about that trip they made on their bike in such a long time. Her daughter was ready to go, and the lady said, "Let me look at it one more time". She walked to the back, just admiring it. "I haven't sat on one in so long," she said. I quickly pipped up and told her she was welcome to sit on it. "Oh no, I better not" she said shaking her head and her finger. I said, "Why not? I bet you'll want to buy one then, right?" Her head moving up and down, she said "Yes, I absolutely would".

I know we all talk to people who admire what we ride every now and then. The joy it brought to her face as she spoke of her husband and their trip of a lifetime makes it all so special. I'm so glad our paths crossed. It made my day even more beautiful.

RAFFLE

Win a full detail with ceramic coating by Matt Greene. Tickets will be sold at the October and November Pig Trail HOG Chapter Meeting. Drawing will be held on November 9th. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets will be One for \$1, Six for \$5, Twelve for \$10 or BEST DEAL of Twenty Five tickets for \$20

Proceeds will benefit the Pig Trail HOG Chapter



PROFESSIONAL CERAMIC COATING
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Ride Types

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain
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We have different types of rides in our chapter. This months article will explain them.

Easy riders: This is a short ride for the people that don't want to go on long rides with a big group of riders. It usually is only like an hour long.

Adventure ride: This ride usually takes us to a place that we can go and explore. A museum, a state park, a cave or the ride could just be a very good adventure. It is open to any style of bike.

Weekday ride: This is a ride we do once a month. The day of the week changes each month to accomodate someone that may have a weekday off work and for the retired people to meet up with other riders.

Dinner ride/gathering: It's just that, it's a short ride to a destination restaurant for dinner and for some good conversations. This is an "always on" event, even if you have to go in a cage.

Breakfast ride/gathering: Rides that we usually meet at a restaurant for breakfast and then we go for a ride afterwards. This is an "always on" event, even if you have to go in a cage.

New members ride/gathering: Open to any chapter members and of course new members that would like to get know more people in the chapter.

All of our rides are open to all members and guests (who sign a waiver) that want to enjoy some great riding and awesome company. All of our rides are guided rides with sweeps to make sure no one gets left behind somewhere along the way.

I have been the Road Captain for a year and a half, and you all our making my position very enjoyable with all of your great work you have been doing leading and sweeping rides for us. Thanks for all that you do. I hope everyone enjoyed BBB this year.

Get and Stay Connected

- Laura Berg - Ladies of Harley
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In last month's newsletter, I encouraged our lady members to find ways to come together more as a community of riding enthusiasts and mentioned that an easy way to do this is to simply join in on the Ladies of Harley (LOH) events or activities. In August, LOH hosted an Evening of Jazz at Sassafras Springs Vineyard for ladies and their partners/spouses and in September, we held the annual Mystery Dinner. While these events were well attended, I heard from a handful of our lady members that they didn't know about these events, or they surely would have participated. So, my message is going to be slightly different this month. YOU are obviously reading this newsletter so please help spread the word when you happen to meet with another member that members should read the newsletter, come to our chapter meetings or at least watch the recordings, check out our chapter calendar on pigtrailhog.com, and follow the chapter on Facebook. The LOH planning committee has a few more events planned for the year and may even try to sneak in one or two more and we'd like to see more members participating. Up next is our Family Day at Dogwood Canyon on October 13. In November, we will help out PTHD and honor our veterans by serving lunch after the Veterans Ride on November 9th (after the Chapter meeting) and on weekends from Black Friday through Christmas we will offer gift wrapping services for shoppers to raise money for charity. If you need more information on any of these events or help connecting with LOH, don't hesitate to reach out to me at LOH@pigtrailhog.com.

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



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Biketober is Leather Weather

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A shout out to all of the Volunteers who stepped up and supported our HOG Chapter and the PTHD dealership for the very HOT and busy BBB Rally. It was a profitable one at the time of this writing, however the final tally was not in. The Water Wagon was a HUGE success and gave us ideas for the next one. A BIG thanks to the Turners for lending that to the chapter. For those who had unforeseen events that made them unable to fill there Volunteer commitments, we thank you for letting us know so we could fill your slots. We understand.

Bike-tober leather weather has lots of events, as the HOT weather abates and we don our seasonal apparel as a crispness is in the air gives us relief from the brutal summer season. There are many upcoming events. Here are a few but not all:

- Easy Riders on Oct 1st
- HOG Breakfast Ride October 6th
- HOG - Chapter Meeting Saturday, October 12th (buy your tickets for a bike detail and ceramic coating raffle)
- LOH Dogwood Canyon on Sunday October 13th
- PTHD Swap Meet and HOG-Cook Fundraiser Saturday, October 19th
- HOG Fall Foliage October 24 – 27. Get your wieners ready for the Ring of Fire and lots of fun!

Not a Chapter event but fun, Razorback Football! GO HOGS Woo Pig Sooiie.

As always we (Polly and Bruce) thank you, and you did great. We will let you know of new volunteer opportunities for the upcoming months at our Chapter meeting (with sign up sheet on the pool table). You gave your most precious time. You are amazing and we can never thank you enough, so we have a gift card for those who are selected in the Volunteer of the Month drawing.

Text Polly at 479 789 4845 for Volunteer questions. (you can call but she will not answer)

So Screw It Lets RIDE cooler.



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Safety Tips - TCOCS

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

I was on a group ride recently where a minor incident almost turned into a major problem. There were 24 bikes on the ride. Four road captains escorted the ride with one in the lead, one in the middle, and two road captains at the end. One of the riders pulled off the main road and stopped on the paved apron of a gravel road. The next five bikes stopped in the road to see if he needed help. I know everyone wants to help but this is where the problem started.

The bikes stopped in the roadway of a busy two lane road. The speed limit was 55mph. This was on a steep sweeping curve to the right. Any traffic coming from behind the group had to pass the stopped bikes in what now became a blind curve. The road surface dipped sharply to the right where the bikes stopped.

One rider's right foot did not touch the ground and his bike fell over to the right side. The two trailing road captains arrived and helped get the bike upright. As the rest of the bikes started to move around that bike another bike tipped over and fell on the first bike. We now had to pick up a second bike. A third bike that rode past the tangle stopped on the shoulder a short way up the road. This bike could not get back on the road without help. Another bike that had stopped would not start. The battery was dead and he was stuck in the middle of the road. Fortunately a lady driving a truck following the group had a set of jumper cables and we got the bike going. All of this activity took about 15 minutes to clean up where several bikes were stopped in the traffic lane. The reason the first bike stopped was because the rider needed to take a whiz on the side of the road.

It is hard to know why someone stops on a group ride, most of the time it is for a very minor reason. The road captains are there to assist any rider, let them do their job. If there is no observable major problem like blood and guts keep going. If you do stop find a safe place off the road beyond the site of the incident. The road captain will call for more help if it is needed. This incident worked out ok with no one getting hurt, it could have been worse.

Final thought when you show up for a group ride, have the gas tank full and the bladder empty. Road captains are there to help any rider at any time however there may be times when we'll be there for you but don't expect a helping hand.



Final H.O.G. Rally of the Year

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As riding season starts to wind down for us here in Northwest Arkansas, there is still one H.O.G. rally remaining for this year. The Texas Independence H.O.G. Touring Rally on October 14 - 19 from Tyler to Victoria, Texas. Here is a brief description of the rally:

Texas is a wildly beautiful state, with a complex and fascinating history. The Texas Independence Premier H.O.G. Touring Rally is unique in that it is both a touring rally with awe inspiring roads and a hub rally offering a variety of exceptional day rides. All this is coupled with the relaxation of three nights at one hotel in Victoria, TX, the center of much of their history.

Currently, registration is closed, but if any of our HOG members is participating in this rally, we would love for you to share your pictures and experience with our chapter. You can send that to me at webmaster@pigtrailhog.com and I will feature it in next month newsletter.



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