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Focus On The Ride

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We are in the final months of the year. 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 is really important. As the Director, I think this question is important to managing a chapter. It boils down to simply Ride and Have Fun. There is a lot of work the officers put into planning and organizing. There are frustrations at times when things do not go right, we sometimes struggle to find help, and things cost more than we want, etc.... but if we keep our main purpose in focus, these things are okay.

We strive to be great and I try to 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.

Looking at it this way 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. 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.



Flying By

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer
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Hard to believe it's time to write an article for the November newsletter. Where has the year gone!

Wasn't it just the other day we were gearing up for Bikes Blues and Barbecue? Now Friendsgiving and the holidays are quickly approaching! There's still plenty of time to work on those challenge books and enjoy riding with cooler temperatures.

This article would not be complete without calling attention to Veterans Day. It is with solemn pride and gratitude I honor the veterans for the heroism and service.



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November is Here!

- Jeffrey "Sleepy" Bushey - Assistant Director

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Wow, can you believe it's already November? I sincerely hope everyone enjoyed a fun and safe summer! But hold on, there's still plenty of excitement ahead. We have some fantastic events lined up: the annual Veterans Day ride, Friendsgiving, and our much-anticipated Christmas Party! Each of these gatherings is designed especially for you!

First up is the Veterans Day ride, a cherished tradition that kicks off at Locomotion in Springdale. We'll begin with a brief meeting in the Locomotion parking lot, followed by a ride back to the dealership, escorted by the various local police departments. It's a meaningful way to honor our veterans and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow riders.

Next, we have Friendsgiving—a wonderful opportunity to kick off the holiday season. We gather as one big family at Golden Corral to celebrate the year we've shared, filled with laughter, good food, and cherished memories with friends and comrades. It's a heartwarming event that you won't want to miss!

And then, of course, there's the grand finale: our Christmas Party! This is the highlight of the year, featuring a night full of exciting games, giveaways, and endless fun! I genuinely look forward to seeing each of you there as we wrap up the year on a joyful note.

Before we dive into these festive events, I want to highlight an essential gathering—the Annual Planning Session on November 2nd. If there's one event you absolutely cannot miss this fall, it's this one! Here, you'll have the chance to help shape our activities for the upcoming year. We value your input, so if you have ideas—bring them along! Even if you're just curious or have no specific suggestions, your presence is important, and all thoughts are appreciated.

Let's come together to celebrate, plan, and make the most of the upcoming months. I can't wait to see you all at these events!



2025 Membership Drive

- Toni Douglas - Membership

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It's that time of year again when we are preparing for the 2025 membership year. Join us on Saturday, December 7th for the annual Pig Trail HOG Chapter Membership Drive. The event will be held in the upstairs lounge at the PTHD from 10AM-12PM. If you renew, or bring a friend to join for the first time, you will only pay \$20 for the annual local chapter membership. The discount only applies during this time, after this event the membership cost will be \$25. You must have a current national membership in order to sign up for the local membership. If you have questions about your national membership, please go to HOG.com

During the event we will provide a preprinted form for fast and easy completion. There are no printed membership cards for 2025. You will see your membership on HogScan, either on the website when you sign in or on your phone app.

If you have questions about your membership please email membership@pigtrailhog.com.

Welcome New Members:

Carl Barton

Paul Christian

Nick Patskov



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Busy Busy

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November already! We've had a full HOG Chapter calendar of events this year, and it makes the time pass by quickly. About August, when summer winds down and fall starts to kick in, my personal calendar gets booked solid. With the chapter events, football season, and all the holidays, the months go by in a flash. This year, I've added "training Belle" to my appointment calendar. Help me welcome Belle Campbell as your 2025 Chapter Secretary. We've been doing some training to get her ready beginning January. You'll see her as well as other officers for 2025 helping out at the meetings and events the rest of the year learning and preparing for their time as officers. Get to know them and make them feel welcome.

Coming to an End

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain
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The riding season is winding down for some of us, but there are a few that are true diehard rider's. As the season comes to a close, I just to thank each and everyone that helped in any way with the rides this year. I am so happy for all of the support that we have in our great chapter.

Next year promises to be another great year of riding with all of our members and friends. I'm hoping to have a lot of you come to the planning meeting for next year. The date for that is November 2nd at 2:00 pm upstairs at the dealership.

We have had a great year so far with no incidents. Let's all keep up the great work with our rides .

There will be a few awards given out at the Christmas party this year for the Ride Lead of the year and the Sweep of the year.

Just a reminder to everyone that took advantage of the free training classes given by our great dealership. The stipulations were that you have help lead or sweep a ride or two, so if you haven't done that yet this year you will have many opportunities to do it next year. I do have a list of everyone that has been though the training sessions so I will be reaching out to all of you.

Let's make 2025 a banner year for the chapter. We all know that we can do it, just look at what we did at water sales for BBB

Chapter Meeting
@ Lokomotion Family Fun Park
SECOND SATURDAY EACH MONTH
Meeting 9:45 AM
NOVEMBER ONLY
Join us for updates, information, education, and have some fun...

- PTHD Veterans Day Parade Ride From Lokomotion to PTHD.
- PTHD staff to help with Ride Line up.
- KSU- 11:00 AM

Raffle | Check-in with HOGSCAN | 50/50 Drawing

HOG (SCAN)
Follow CDC Guidelines for COVID-19 Concerns

FRIENDSGIVING
WHAT: Time to join together to share a meal
WHEN: Thursday November 14th at 6:00pm
WHERE: Golden Corral
2605 W Pleasant Crossing Dr, Rogers, AR
PTHD Staff Welcome...
Cost is the normal cost of the buffet and drink at the restaurant.

golden corral

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Remaining Activities for the Year

- Becky Fite - Activities

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And it's November! This year has really flown by but there is still some riding weather left. We only have 2 activities left for the year, but we are having a planning session for 2025 activities on November 2nd at 2:00 pm til 4:00 pm in the conference room at the dealership. Come on out and help plan activities and bring your suggestions as to what you would like to see this coming year.

November 14th is Friendsgiving at the Golden Corral. The address is 2105 West Pleasant Crossing Dr., Rogers. We will be meeting at 6:00 pm. Come have dinner with the chapter and enjoy the fellowship.

Our Chapter Christmas Party is December 14th at the Double Tree Suites, 301 SE Walton Blvd., Bentonville, from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm. The tickets are on sale at the Cash Wrap at the dealership for \$40.00 per person. The event is catered this year but I know there are a few who have food allergies and are on a strict medical diet. I have a copy of the menu of the restaurant from which you may place an order. (Just the ones with food allergies and strict medical diets). Also if you wish to participate in the gift exchange, bring a \$20.00 wrapped gift. The gift exchange this year has been nicknamed "C.H.A.O.S." It's going to be fun!

If you have pictures you have taken during the year, send them in to director@pigtrailhog.com or tag them in Facebook with #hog2075. We plan on showing all of the rides and fun you had this year.

Our favorite photographer, Gary Ivey, will be taking pictures with a little twist this year. The end result will be amazing! Charlene Newell, our favorite disc jockey, will be spinning the tunes. So come out and join in the celebrations!!

Another note, we have blocked rooms for your convenience under Pig Trail Harley Owners, at a discount. You can call 479-326-9271

I hope you can attend the events we have remaining! Fun shall be had!!



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Novemburr Cooler and Rideable

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators
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Many of us have bike, gear upgrades and warming motor clothes planned as the weather gets chillen'. There are volunteer needs for the Christmas Parades for: Bentonville December 14th, and Rogers December 6th. There are some required permits if you wish to ride. Decorate your bike and self if you wish and have a Very Merry Time. If you wear a costume, do not dress as the Grinch or Santa per parade rules.

LOH will be doing Gift Wrapping at PTHD for donations again this year starting Black Friday. They always do a great job wrapping for donations to support NWA Children's Shelter.



Thanks to all who supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. The ride had a great turnout. Lunch was also tasty at Jersey Mike's in Springdale. This was a fun time and for a great cause.

We would also want to thank the Volunteers who helped at the Swap Meet HOG Fundraiser BBQ. Those that signed up and those that just showed up to help, we love it. We sold all the burgers and almost all the hot dogs. Cheese and pickels were very popular. You were all impressive with your support for our chapter.

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

Another shout out again 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 but at the time of this writing the final tally was not in. The Water Wagon was a **HUGE** success and gave us ideas for the next one. Thanks for the Turners for lending their cart to the chapter. You volunteers are awe-inspiring.

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

So Screw It Lets RIDE cooler.

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



Account Update

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Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075
Account Balance as of
September 19, 2024

\$10,743.04

HOG Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Sign-up to help wrap Christmas gifts.
Funds raised will benefit the
Northwest Arkansas Children's Shelter

Date: Nov 29, 30 and Dec 7, 14, 21
Location: Pig Trail Harley-Davidson

To sign up or for information email:
volunteers@pigtrailhog.com



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Roll those clocks back on November 3rd



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Fall Riding Vibes and Upcoming Events

- Laura Berg - Ladies of Harley
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What a perfect time of year to be out on two or three wheels! The fall weather has been absolutely ideal for riding, and if you joined us for the recent LOH ride to Dogwood Canyon, you know exactly what I mean. Could the skies have been any clearer or the company any better? We rode through some beautiful early fall landscapes, and it truly was one of those rides that fills your soul and reminds you why you ride. Thanks to everyone who joined in to make it such a fantastic day on the road and at the park!

Now, as we soak up the last bits of this amazing weather, we've got some exciting events coming up that you won't want to miss.

Ladies, it's time to look ahead and get planning for 2025! Join us on November 6th for the LOH 2025 Planning Session. We're pulling together ideas and events that will keep our community growing and thriving. Whether you've been a part of LOH for years or are just getting started, your voice and ideas matter. Let's make 2025 our best year yet!

We are honored to be a part of something special again this November. On November 9th, following the Veterans' Parade from Lokomotion to PTHD, LOH will be serving lunch to our veterans, their families and supporters. It's a small way to honor those who have given so much. We encourage everyone to come out, show your support, and enjoy a day filled with gratitude, camaraderie, and good food.

Looking to spread some holiday cheer? Join us for LOH Holiday Gift Wrapping at PTHD starting on Black Friday and continuing every Saturday in December through the 21st. Not only will you help wrap gifts for a great cause, but you'll also get to mingle with fellow riders and give back to the community during the festive season. Plus, it's a great excuse to spend more time at the dealership (as if we needed one)!

So whether you're riding through crisp autumn air or gearing up for the holiday season, there's plenty to look forward to. Let's finish this year strong, and we'll see you at all the upcoming events! Ride safe, ride free, and let's keep those engines revving this fall. See you on the road!



Slowing Down for Safety

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

There were two recent incidents that show riders must be very careful around slow moving or stopped traffic. Driving west from Pig trail toward the freeway you go past the collage on the north side of the road. Sometimes the traffic slows or comes to a stop around the college entrance. Slow your bike down at this point. One incident was when a bike went to the outside lane to pass a line of stopped cars. The bike was going the posted speed limit of 40mph. A car that was stopped in the line of traffic pulled out in front of the bike causing a crash. The other incident involved a line of cars stopped in the inside lane near a college entrance. A bike was going the speed limit in the outside lane. A car traveling east bound turned between the stopped cars and into the bike causing a crash.

Both of these incidents the bike had the right of way. The crash was the fault of the car. The biker could have prevented both crashes by slowing down to match the speed of the traffic or go slightly faster than the stopped traffic. Ride at the speed of the flow of traffic. If you are passing all the cars, or weaving in and out of traffic other drivers may not see you. If you are passing a line of cars expect one of those cars to pull in front of you. Cover your brakes and clutch and be ready to stop quickly if needed. Riders should be aware that in heavy traffic most car drivers get very impatient and will not see you. Sometime they pull in front of you even when they do see you. Slow down around slow moving vehicles and be more vigilant for that dangerous car driver.



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