



OUT BUT NOT GONE

- Sean "Ole' Ticker" Branham - Director
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This is my last official newsletter article as your HOG Director. It has been a privilege to serve you all within this chapter the last five years. I started serving on the team as Webmaster, then Assistant Director and the past two years as Director. I hope you all have enjoyed this time as much as I did.

Over this time, I was able to serve under the leadership of Dave "Judge" Patterson and Garry "Doc" Raymond as Webmaster, as well as an Assistant Director under Chuck "Tusk" Yarbrough. I learned a lot from these leaders and hopefully built upon the groundwork they left for me. I hope I left the chapter in as good a shape for your next Director, Jeffrey "Sleepy" Bushey.

I also want to thank the other officers who I served with and those who supported me while I was Director. No matter the situation, through the good and bad days, we all kept the chapter and members as our first priority. I feel we have something special in our chapter and a lot of that comes from the foundation of the dealership itself. Kyle and the entire Johnson family provide unbelievable support and believes in our chapter. It is something seen and recognized across the country within HOG. Pig Trail and Pig Trail HOG is always talked about being one of the best.

As I transition out of the officer team, I will remain an active member and still attend meeting, events, rides and volunteer time as I continue to support the needs. I encourage you to do the same and even consider getting involved in the officer team at some point. Serving is work but it is very rewarding. The saying goes.... You get out of it what you put into it. Thank you all again! I will end with a simple: Screw It, Let's Ride!



SCREW IT, LET'S RIDE!

- Sheila "Casper" Branham - Secretary
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I love rollercoasters! The scariness you might feel at the beginning, you know, that slow climb to the top. Then, the thrill as you go down the first slope. After that, it's all fun. These last 3 and a half years have been a wild ride. There's been ups and downs, and even a few loopdy-loops. After I got over the initial scariness, I can honestly say I've had a fun time. I wanted to be more involved with the chapter and joined the officer team so that I could get to know more of the members. That strategy worked! I've been able to meet so many members, new and veteran, and get to know about them over the years. To me, being in leadership means to be as involved as possible in just about every event offered. Combining that with our family life, our coaster had several loopdy-loops. Now, the ride is coming to an end and it's time to get off this rollercoaster and enjoy other thrill rides with the friends we've made along the way.

Thank you all so much for your accepting me as your secretary, and the kind words of encouragement that was shared with me along the way. Your friendship means so much to me and I can't wait to join you side-by-side on this next journey. Come January 2025, I can officially say, "SCREW IT, LET'S RIDE!"





New Year, New Starts...

- Jeffrey "Sleepy" Bushey - Assistant Director
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As we close out the year, we find ourselves reflecting on the changes within our leadership team. It is with great humility and enthusiasm that I step into the role of your new Director. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Sean, Sheila, Toni, and Michael for their unwavering dedication and service over the years. They built a strong foundation, and while they leave behind significant shoes to fill, I am confident that our incoming team is more than capable of continuing their legacy.

I am thrilled to welcome Rick Hillier as our new Assistant Director, Belle Campbell as Secretary, Traci Kerr as our new Membership Officer, and Bruce Ingerson as Editor. Additionally, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to those continuing in their vital roles: Becky Fite as Activities Director, Preston Mahan as Head Road Captain, Beverly Rowland as Treasurer, Laura Berg as Ladies of Harley director and Polly Ingerson as Volunteer Coordinator. Please take a moment to congratulate each of them on their new and continued positions.

Volunteering is the cornerstone of our success as a chapter. The countless hours dedicated by these individuals along side all volunteers—are what make our community thrive. As one of the largest and most active chapters around, we strive to continually improve our operations based on your invaluable feedback. A special thank you goes out to everyone who participated in our yearly activities planning meeting; your insights were instrumental, and the turnout was fantastic!

In response to your suggestions, we will be implementing a few changes: our newsletter will now be published quarterly instead of monthly to streamline communications. You may have already noticed; we have eliminated the chapter ID card and are going to HOGScan completely. We also plan to revise some of our monthly rides, and you can expect further details from Becky and Preston in the near future.

As the year winds down, we look forward to one of our most cherished traditions: our annual Christmas party! I am excited to celebrate another successful year with all of you while welcoming in a new one. If you haven't secured your tickets yet, I encourage you to do so quickly—time is running out! This event is the highlight of our year, and you won't want to miss it. A heartfelt thank you to Becky and her exceptional team, including Judge Patterson, Matt Green, and Janet Stewart, for putting together what promises to be an unforgettable evening.

I wish you all a joyous holiday season. Ride safe and take care!

H.O.G. PARTY



Tickets \$40 each
Purchase from PTHD Cash-Wrap

DATE: December 14, 2024
 TIME: 6:00pm - 11:00pm
 PLACE: Double Tree
 301 SE Walton Blvd,
 Bentonville, AR 72712

Food - Door Prizes - DJ
 Gift Exchange (\$20 gift if participating)

The HOG Christmas Party is coming up... Tickets are on sales now at the cashwrap within the dealership. Do not wait until it is too late, go buy yours today!

\$40 per ticket for a night of food, fun, and prizes.



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Looking Back and Looking Forward

- Polly & Bruce Ingerson - Volunteer Coordinators

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Greetings, HOG Members! This has been such an eventful year and 2025 will be even more so.

First, Looking back. We had great involvement in volunteerism during 2024. For that, we thank you. Both in volunteering during PTHD events as well as for our Chapter. Kyle and our Dealership do so much for this Chapter each year that we feel honored when they ask us to help out. And you know when you help the Chapter you are helping yourself. How 'bout' those HISTORIC water sales at BBB?!

Now, looking forward. We will have lots of opportunities next year and we hope you will continue to give generously of your time. We need to not only have Volunteers for future planned events that have signup sheets, but also for our list of Members who are willing to help if a need materializes with only 24-72 hours' notice. (What they are we can't tell you or we have to kill you; it's super-secret. Kidding but we can tell you they are very important!) If you have not previously signed up to be on that list but may be able to help in this way, PLEASE text Polly with your information @ '479 789-4845' TEXT only please, to have her place your name on this list.

This month we need people to come and help with decorating the PTHD float they enter the Rogers and Bentonville Christmas Parade. This will be done on the 3rd, 4th, & 5th starting at 10am each day. You can drop in when available, and leave when you need to, but please text Polly to let her know you are interested.

Our Christmas Party will be on Saturday the 14th Please get you tickets ASAP and remember that the VOLUNTEERS of the Year will be announced at the Party. We expect it will be a blast so don't miss it or your friends to chat and play with. Finally, most of you are aware that Polly will be the only Volunteer Coordinator next year. Bruce is becoming the Editor (formerly Webmaster) by filling Michael's place as he moves on to teach Motorcycle Safety Classes. Michael leaves Big Shoes to fill, so please support Bruce as he transitions into that challenging job.



Leaves

- Mike Phillips - Riding Academy Instructor

This is a beautiful time of year to be riding. The colors of the leaves are amazing. The leaves also present a problem for riders. The leaves fall on the road and pile up. Riding over them can cause a loss of traction resulting in a skid or even falling over. Leaves are extra slippery when they are wet from rain or early morning dew. Often riders encounter leaves in the middle of a curve making the loss of traction even worse. The safest way to deal with leaves is the same for any other debris on the road. Things like sand, gravel, grass, oil spots, ice, standing water or dead animal parts. Ride a little slower this time of year and expect things like leaves to be in the road making a slick spot. Try to cross the area at a 90-degree angle. Always cross over the slick area with the bike standing up. Try not to cross a slick spot with the bike leaned into a turn. If you encounter a slick spot in a curve stand the bike up and slow down using both brakes as much as you can. Let off the brakes as you cross over the affected area then you can resume the lean for the curve or reapply the brakes and come to a stop. Crossing any slick spot on the road while the brakes are being applied or the bike is leaned will cause a more severe loss of traction and may lead to a fall.

Enjoy the colors and the cooler weather and ride safe so you can ride again tomorrow.



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Rolling Together Into 2025: A Note of Thanks

- Laura Berg - Ladies of Harley
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Hello Ladies! First, a huge thank you to each of you for making LOH such an incredible space! Your passion and camaraderie are what makes this chapter truly feel like family. For those who joined us on rides, shared your knowledge, and poured your energy into planning activities, I'm so grateful for all you've done. You've helped us create memorable experiences and uplift each other with each mile. And a special shoutout to everyone who played a part in organizing, supporting, and leading the way—your dedication keeps us rolling strong! This includes Barb Becker, Casey Conway, Deb Raymond, Jenny Swearingen, Kim McCutcheon, and Polly Ingerson.

This past month, we had some incredible events that warmed hearts and made a difference. During the Veteran's Day Parade, several members of LOH took the time to serve lunch, offering a meal and a moment of camaraderie to veterans and their families. It was an inspiring day to honor those who've served and reflect on our shared commitment to each other and our community. Thank you to everyone who helped bring this meaningful event to life! This includes Bev Rowland, Mary Atkins, Polly Ingerson, Sue Santori, and Traci Kerr. We also came together to wrap Christmas gifts for PTHD shoppers on Black Friday and Chrome Saturday, with any donations going to the NWA Children's Shelter. It's always special to come together for such a good cause and spread some early holiday cheer. For those interested, we still have a few Saturdays in December open to help with more gift wrapping. If you can join in, please contact me at loh@pigtrailhog.com.

Looking ahead, the LOH Planning Committee has recently met to start laying out some exciting events for 2025. We're aiming for a mix of classic favorites and new experiences—rides, community events, workshops, and social gatherings—to keep us all engaged and connected. If there are any specific activities or destinations you'd love to see on the agenda, let us know! Your input is invaluable, and we're all ears as we plan a fantastic year ahead. Keep an eye out for our January LOH 2025 Kickoff where we will share more on our planned events.

So here's to each of you—the riders, the planners, and the dreamers. Your spirit and support make this group such a joy, and I can't wait to share the road with you in 2025. Thanks again for being part of this journey, and let's make the coming year one to remember! Ride safe, stay connected, and let's keep the adventures rolling!



Thanks for the memories!

- Toni Douglas - Membership
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Thank you for being my wonderful HOG Friends & Family. I will be stepping down from membership this month and I thank you for making my transition to Arkansas easier. Volunteering as an officer gave me lots to do and so many wonderful people to do it with. I especially enjoyed getting to know our new and current members by highlighting them in the membership spotlight articles. Although I am moving on from the officer team to focus on my new job, I am still a member who is excited to have fun and ride.

I truly appreciated the warm welcome to the group, and I know that you will be sharing the same with our new Membership Officer, Traci Kerr. Come out and meet Traci (if you haven't already) by joining us at the 2025 Membership Drive on Saturday, December 7th from 10AM-12PM at Pig Trail Harley Davidson. As my parting gift, if you sign up for your 2025 membership on 12/7 you will only pay \$20 instead of the regular \$25 cost.

Thanks for the awesome memories and I am looking forward to many more!



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Until Next Year

- Becky Fite - Activities
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We had a really informative activities planning session on November 2. The attendees provided some very good ideas for the coming year and I can't wait to get the new year started!

We have one activity event left for the year, which is our Grand Finale, the HOG Christmas Party! Please make plans to attend on December 14, at the Doubletree Inn & Suites, 301 SE Walton Blvd., Bentonville. The party will start at 6:00 pm and ends at 11:00 pm. It looks to be a very good time with a little twist on the gift exchange and if you want to participate in this "chaotic" exchange please bring a \$20.00 wrapped gift. Tickets are on sale now for \$40.00 per person at the cash wrap at PTHD. **The deadline for purchase is December 7.**

Hope to see you at the Christmas Party!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



What a Great Year!

- Preston "Gadget" Mahan - Road Captain
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As the year ends, I sit looking back at all the great rides we had in 2024. It humbles me to see all the support from the chapter. We still have a few rides in December to finish off a great year.

We do have some changes coming in the new year. I'm looking forward to having another great year in 2025. I'm looking forward to having some training sessions with different members doing the training and these sessions will be open to everyone. If anyone has any suggestions for some training sessions just let me know what you would like to see us do. Anyone who has any rides that you would like to see us do just let me know.

With Miss Becky leading the way with the activities I know that she will put together some great activities for us all to do. I know she had a good turnout for her planning session, and she received some good ideas for things that you all would like to do.

I hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I'm looking forward to the chapters Christmas party. I'll have a few things to present to some of our top ride leads and sweeps. Hope to see everyone at the party.



Account Update

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer
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Pig Trail H.O.G. Chapter #2075
Account Balance as of
December 15th 2024

\$9109.05



2025 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Come renew your Pig Trail HOG
Membership for 2025.

DECEMBER
7th
10:00-12:00

Cost during this drive will be \$20.
Regular cost is \$25 annual fee.

Reminder: You MUST be an active
National HOG Member in order to renew your
local membership. Check your account at hog.com



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Santa's Harley Adventure

- Beverly Rowland - Treasurer
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Once upon a bright and snowy Christmas Eve, the air was crisp and filled with excitement. Children nestled snugly in their beds, dreaming of candy canes and twinkling lights, while outside, a magical journey was about to unfold.

This year, Santa Claus decided to make a change. Instead of his traditional sleigh, he hopped onto his shiny red Harley Davidson. It was more than just a motorcycle; it was a marvel of holiday cheer, decked out with jingling bells and sparkling lights that twinkled like stars in the night sky.

With a hearty laugh, Ho Ho Ho, Santa donned his red helmet and revved the engine of his Harley. As he sped from the North Pole, the snowflakes swirled around him, dancing in the air.

On his journey, Santa zoomed past cozy homes, each one glowing with Christmas lights. Children peeked out their windows in awe as the gleaming Harley streaked by. "Look!" shouted Timmy, his eyes wide with wonder. "It's Santa on a motorcycle!" He roared down the streets, leaving a trail of laughter and joy. He visited houses delivering presents and sharing holiday cheer with everyone he passed.

From that day forward, Santa's Harley became a symbol of adventure, proving that even on the most magical night of the year, wonder could still be found off the beaten path.

Wishing my HOG family a merry and magical holiday season.



It has Been an Honor Serving

- Michael "Grim" Douglas - Webmaster
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This is my final newsletter as webmaster. Over the past two and a half years, I've enjoyed serving as an officer. It's allowed me to make new friends and connections. I hope I've been able to bring you new technology information and HOG updates you may not have known about. Hopefully, my articles have been informative overall.

As my focus shifts to coaching at PTHD Riding Academy and helping to develop current and future generations of safe motorcycle riders, I'm handing over the reins to Bruce Ingerson at the end of the month. I look forward to the value and benefit he will add in this role, now renamed Editor Officer.

As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out. I'm always here to help and serve our great chapter.



Volunteers needed to help decorate
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Bentonville Christmas Parades

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