



Pipelines



January 2022

Harley Owners Group, Decatur, Illinois Chapter



2022 H.O.G. Officers

Welcome to 2022!

CHD is looking forward to a new year with lots of changes in the HOG chapter! The last 2 years have been such a downer with all of the Covid related adaptations and cancellations:/. We're starting 2022 with some new officers and a renewed focus on getting the chapter back to its active, pre-pandemic self! We've noticed an increase in HOG member presence at the dealership, and are so happy to see it! You guys are a huge part of our family, and we're looking forward to an active and safe riding season!

Michele Coziahr

From the Director:

DIRECTOR THOUGHTS

Welcome Back,

Aren't we all ready for life to be the way it was pre-Covid??

It has been a while since we have published a Pipelines. We are all anxious to get started with a new year.

We have a full new slate of Officer's for 2022 and are looking forward to lots of great rides and new places to eat. Our HOG Chapter is a great way to find new roads to travel, bars and grills to try out and enjoy spending time with friends on the open road. Be sure and check out the new 2022 Schedule and mark your calendars for any and all the events that you can participate in.

We look forward to 2022 with high hopes of lots of good times and great rides.

Come Join Us and Let's Ride
Martha Kendall
Director

Hope Everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Everybody should have received their membership renewal packets in the mail. We will have the traditional "Early Bird" drawing again this year. Those who paid their 2022 membership dues by December 31, are entered into a drawing to win one of two \$50 CHD gift certificates. Remember, in order to be a local member, you must be a National H.O.G. member. An expired membership as a National H.O.G. automatically terminates local chapter membership, so please keep your local chapter membership current & National. Local is only \$12.00 annually. And if your spouse or significant other expects to attend more than three H.O.G. events during the calendar year, they need to be a paid member of both National and Local H.O.G., also.

So, get those renewal forms and dues turned in ASAP if you haven't to stay current in your membership. You can drop them by the dealership or mail them in. And if you haven't received your renewal form yet, please let me know. Send an email to hogchapter@coziahrhd.com, or call Brian Buxton 217-853-0815 or pick up a membership form on the HOG wall at the dealership.

Looking forward to a great 2022 riding season,

Brian Buxton

AD, Membership Director

I am the new secretary for the Decatur HOG chapter. I was surprised and honored to be asked. Mike and I bought our bike 5 yrs ago very late in life. It was one of the best decisions we ever made. We have traveled, we have taken more day rides that I can count and many long weekend rides. But the most rewarding of all of this is the friendships we have made. Friends that are new but feel like old friends we have known all of our lives. And this is what I am most proud of as being Harley owner the friendships we have made and continue to make.

Jolene Graning
Secretary

HOG SCHEDULE - 2022

JANUARY

January 1st - Breakfast at Burkham's 10:00 am
 January 11th - Social 6:30 pm - Breakfast for Dinner(PJs optional)
 January 19th - Dinner Ride 6:30 pm - Mi Lindo Tizapan, 566 East End Plaza, Decatur
 January 25th - Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY

February 5th - Breakfast Ride 8:00 am - Four Star Family Restaurant
 February 8th - Social 6:30 pm - Italian Theme
 February 16th - Dinner Ride 6:30 pm - Bobbie Lane's BBQ Downtown
 February 22nd - Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

MARCH

March 5th - Breakfast Ride 8:00 am - Warrensburg Café
 March 8th - Social 6:30 pm - St. Paddy's Day Theme
 March 16th - Dinner Ride 6:30 pm - The Wagon
 March 22nd - Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm
 March 26th - Cook's Mill Sausage and Pancake Breakfast - KSU 7:00 am @ RP Lumber

APRIL

April 2nd - Breakfast Ride 8:00 am - Clinton Family Restaurant
 April 12th - Social 6:30 pm - Soup, Salad and Sweets night
 April 20th - Dinner Ride KSU 6:00 pm @ CHD - Snapper's
 April 23rd - Pre Blessing Meeting CHD - 10:00 am
 April 24th - Blessing of the Bikes 2:00 pm @ CHD
 April 26th - Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

MAY

May 7th - Breakfast Ride 8:00 am - Dippin Merv's, Blue Mound
 May 10th - Social 6:30 pm - Mexican Theme
 May 19th - (THURSDAY) Dinner Ride KSU 6:00 pm - Salty Farmer Restaurant, Moweaqua
 May 21st - Day Ride to The Pantry, Tuscola - KSU 11:00 am @ RP Lumber
 May 24th - Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm
 May 28th-30th - Three day ride TBD

JUNE

June 4th - Breakfast Ride 8:00 am - Apple Dumpling, Urbana
 June 14th - Social 6:30 pm - Red, White and Blue Theme
 June 18th - Day Ride to Kick's Bar and Grill, Towanda KSU 10:00 am @ CHD
 June 18-19th - Overnight ride to Ste. Genevieve, MO - Trena Hull, leader
 June 22nd - Dinner Ride to Big Bufords, Arcola - KSU 6:00 pm @ RP Lumber
 June 25th - Cook's Mill Pork Chop Dinner - KSU 3:30 pm @ RP Lumber
 June 28th - Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

JULY

July 3RD - Breakfast Ride 8:00 am - Star 66 Café, Springfield
 July 12th - Social 6:30 pm - Picnic at Forsyth Park (hot dogs will be furnished)
 July 16th - Day Ride to Bainbridge Street Café, Barry - KSU 9:00 am @ CHD
 July 20th - Dinner Ride Guzzardo's, Lincoln - KSU 6:00 pm @ CHD
 July 22-24th - Overnight ride to S Illinois - Eric Wade, leader
 July 26th - Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

HOG SCHEDULE - 2022

AUGUST

- August 6th - Breakfast Ride Yoder's, Arthur - KSU 8:00 am @ RP Lumber
- August 9th - Social 6:30 pm - Ice Cream Social Theme w/fried chicken provided
- August 12-14th - Route 66 Car Show - Springfield, Missouri - Mike and Julie, leaders
- August 17th - Dinner Ride Uncle Monkeys, Illiopolis KSU 6:00 pm @ CHD
- August 20th - Day Ride to Babes on Plum, Havana - KSU 10:00 am @ CHD
- August 23rd - Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

SEPTEMBER

- September 3rd - Breakfast Ride - Arthur FD Pancake breakfast KSU 7:00 am @ RP Lumber
- September 13th - Social 6:30 pm - Jimmy Buffett Beach Party Theme (at Burkham's residence)
- September 17th - Overnight ride to Monroe, WI - George and Sue Gero, leaders
- September 21st - Dinner Ride - Crawford's, Maroa - KSU 6:00 pm @ CHD
- September 24th - Day Ride to Huntergreen Inn & Pub, Raymond - KSU 10:30 am @ CHD
- September 27th - Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

OCTOBER

- October 1st - Breakfast Ride - Flesor's Candy Kitchen, Tuscola - KSU 8:00 am @ RP Lumber
- October 8th - Day Ride to Perdue's Grill, Tremont - KSU 10:30 am @ CHD
- October 11th - Social 6:30 pm - Wiener Roast @ Kovach's (hot dogs and brats provided)
- October 20th - (THURSDAY) Dinner Ride 6:30 pm - The Crowbar (meet there)
- October 25th - Officer's Meeting - 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- November 5th - Breakfast Ride 8:00 am - Diamond's Restaurant - (meet there)
- November 8th - Social 6:30 pm - Thanksgiving Theme (turkey provided)
- November 16th - Dinner Ride - 6:30 pm - meet at the Bourbon Barrel
- November 22nd - Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

DECEMBER

- December 3rd - Breakfast Ride - 8:00 am Garden Restaurant-Pershing - (meet there)
- December 13th - HOG Christmas Party @ The Wagon - Cocktails 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm
- December 27th - Officer's Meeting - 6:00 pm (2023 Planning Meeting)

Activities

The 2022 riding season is right around the corner. Hopefully the temperatures will begin to climb soon like some of the previous days in December 2021. It's been a crazy weather winter so far and we are just in January.

December 2021, the HOG chapter started the month with a breakfast at the Downtown Cafe. On December 7th, the chapter got together for the annual Christmas party that was held at The Wagon. A lot of fun was had by all, including an ugly sweater contest, winners included Katie Hobson and Mike Kovach. And Martha played some Christmas games, I think we all learned a little bit of Christmas trivia!! Flash served up some great food.

We did receive a lot of great ride ideas from the members. I wish we had enough days to do them all. We have overnight rides planned for the months of May through September along with Saturday day rides and our usual breakfast rides, dinner rides and themed socials each month. Remember we are always looking for ride leaders. So be on the lookout in your email for the 2022 HOG events calendar and if you would like to lead a ride, just let one of the officers know and we can get you hooked up.

Thank you to ALL that volunteered to help with the HOG gift wrapping this year. The money donated will be given to the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight. Total collected was \$841.17. Great job for a great cause.

Stop by Coziahrs HD sometime and check out the new HOG board as you walk in the door. Pictures are from the previous month HOG events along with information on upcoming events. The HOG wall is in the same spot as previous years with information on overnight rides, rules and release forms, etc. as before.

As always, Stay Safe.

Julie Murphy
Activities Director

SAFETY

We all want to ride and be safe. The first thing to do is be sure the bike is in good mechanical condition. Always do a pre-ride check before each ride. The T-Clock system is a good method to use:

Check the Tires, Controls, Lights, Oil, Chassis, Kickstand

The distance between you and other riders is your safety cushion. A good rule of thumb is a staggered formation with two seconds between every other rider. Issues that can cause problems when riding is: Following too close, Following too far back, Riders not correcting a broken stagger, Riders weaving, passing within the lanes, Riders operating in an unsafe manner, Watch for Mechanical threats or road hazards that create an imminent danger for the rider or group.

We all want to enjoy the ride and arrive safely at the destination.

Let's Ride, Have Fun, & Be Safe

Dean Kendall

Safety Director

ROAD CAPTAIN

I was going to start this by saying "it's that time of year when we have to put our bikes away for a few months", however with a temperature of 57 the day after Christmas that sentence seems a bit premature. So, when we do finally have to put the bikes in winter storage, there are a few things to keep in mind.

1. Give your bike a good bath and then apply a coat of wax.
 2. Change the oil and filter if it is close to a scheduled interval.
 3. Top off the fuel and add a stabilizer, then run the engine long enough to distribute the fuel thru out the entire system.
 4. Check tire pressure for proper inflation and if possible, elevate the bike to take weight off the tires, this will prevent flat spots.
 5. Connect battery to a tender to maintain proper charge during storage.
 6. Cover the ends of the slip-ons with aluminum foil to keep mice and other small critters from taking up housekeeping in the exhaust system.
- And when the bikes finally get put away for the winter enjoy the holidays and any winter activities you participate in. Be careful, and we'll start anew in the spring.

Mike Kovach



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Christmas Party