



Pipelines

January, February and March 2024



Our HOG Chapter Officers for 2024

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What is Mother Nature up to???? I am thinking she wants to minimize our mileage!!!! Well we are not going to let her stop us, are we????

The H.O.G. officers have been busy working on new ideas for chapter participation.

Beginning April 13, we will be holding a meet and greet the H.O.G. members at CHD in the H.O.G. meeting room (past the restrooms) beginning at 10am until noon. So new members come in and meet your fellow chapter members. Donuts and coffee will be served. This will be a monthly meeting. Emails will be going out monthly to remind new and old members.

The first thing we decided is about the Pride Points. Every event, such as socials, breakfasts, dinners, dealership events, etc will earn you pride points. At the end of the year you will be awarded a rocker after you have earned 40 pride points. This year we have upped the prize. After 60 pride points have been earned, your H.O.G. Christmas dinner will be paid for in December. All it takes is your participation and earn those Pride points.

Pride Points earnings is as follows:

- Volunteering at Blessing of the Bikes = 10 points
- Volunteering at a Dealership special event = 3 points
- Attending a Dealership special event = 1 point
- Going on a Breakfast Ride = 1 point
- Going on a Day Ride = 2 points
- Volunteering to be a Day Ride Leader or Sweep = extra 1 point
- Going on an overnight ride = 4 points
- Going on a two-night overnight ride = 8 points
- Ride Leader/Planner in addition to the attendee points = 10 points
(Note: the planner does a lot of work booking hotel and pre-riding the route.)
- Serving as a Road Captain/sweep on overnight trips earns an extra 2 points per day.
- Attending a Monthly Social = 2 points.
- Attending H.O.G. Parties like the Christmas party = 1 point
- Attending a H.O.G. special event like trivia or paint, etc. = 1 point
- Participating in a Dealership sponsored ride gains 5 points.
- Christmas wrapping 3 points per session.
- Monthly Hosts earn 10 Pride points for each Month they host.



HOG Director, Julie Murphy

So come join our activities to get your points and 2024 Christmas Dinner paid for. Looking forward to seeing you at the events.

We have been invited to participate in a 5 chapter ride being held in Springfield, Missouri on June 28, 29, and 30. We will be riding each day with the Renegade Harley Davidson H.O.G. Chapter, along with other Illinois, Missouri and Kansas chapters. They promise to show us a great time on the hills and curves throughout Missouri. I will be sending out information via email and Facebook as I receive it. So watch your emails for more to come on the upcoming plans.

We have also been invited to participate in the 1st annual H.O.G. fall fling on September 21, rain date September 28. This will be held at Halls Harley Davidson. The chapters involved are Springfield, Peoria, Alton and Decatur. There was an email sent out with information to the link, if you did not see the email, the link to find out more about the event is Springfieldillhog.com and click on Fall Festival for the information about the event. There is also information about the event on the H.O.G. wall at CHD. This will be a great day and I would love to see many of our Decatur chapter members participating.

Pink Ribbon Ride will be held on October 12, this year. Our H.O.G. chapter will be hosting this event along with CHD. All proceeds will go to help in the cure and research for Breast Cancer.

The annual Blessing of the Bikes will be held on April 28th. We need our H.O.G. chapter volunteers to make this a success. Plus remember, that's 10 point pride patch event.

Also last but not least, I have challenged all of the Decatur H.O.G. officers to do a mystery ride that is not on our activities calendar. Each officer will schedule a day ride. No one will know the destination. Only the Officer leading the ride. The officer will let you know how long the ride will be and how far into the ride will we stop. Other than that it's all a mystery. I am sure there will be a good lunch and ice cream stop along the way. Stay tuned for those rides to be announced.

If you have any questions, please send me an email.

As always, stay safe,
Julie



Julie with Michele Coziahr

Has everyone heard about Harley Davidson's Membership program the Motor Company came out with last June? It is a tiered loyalty program that people can sign up for, and HOG is the top tier of the program! Download the Harley Davidson app (black box with white B&S outline) in the Play Store (Android) or App Store (Apple), click "Sign In", and use your username and password that you use for the HOG website. If you've never created a username and password on HOG's website, click "Join Now" in the app and use your email address as your username. Under your profile in the app, you can "Add HOG" to link your HOG membership information. Once registered, you'll get points (4 points for every dollar spent) for any purchases in dealerships or at harley-davidson.com as long as you use the same email address that you signed up for the Membership program with. That means that if you are ever shopping at a different dealership, (on a road trip, for example) make sure that dealer has your name and email address on file when they check you out. You can also "Check In" at each Harley-Davidson dealership once per year for an additional 100 points. (Pro-tip: you can check in from their parking lot, even if they aren't open!) Dealership events are also eligible for check ins, so make sure to check the app and check in (10 points) while attending dealership events! I've also started making "Events" on the app for HOG Socials, dinner rides, and breakfast rides, so you can check into those for points as well! The location of the event is where the ride starts, so check ins for those will be at the dealership, not the ride destination. There are also Ride Challenges on the app, and you can earn digital badges by participating in them. And don't forget to have dealership staff log your mileage in our system so you get credit for miles ridden (up to 15,000 miles per year!), especially if you have a Harley-Davidson Visa card. You can also link your HD Visa to the app if you'd like, and transfer your points to the app to spend them from there as an alternative to how you've done it in the past. Spending your rewards is easy from the app! Click your profile outline on the top left of the homepage in the app, click on your membership card, and you'll see your points and redeemable credits there. Click redeem and choose the dollar amount you'd like to use, and the dealership staff can scan it from there! Reminder: don't click redeem until you're ready to use it! It starts a running clock so people can't screenshot it and use it in multiple locations, and when that clock runs out your credits go away. Sounds like a lot, and it is! It's a great program that rewards you for riding your motorcycle and doing fun things, what more could you ask for?! Holler at us if you have any questions, and we'll either have the answer or try to find it out for you!! Ride safe!

Michele

It's been an eventful year already with visits to Canada, France, and Ireland via their cuisine at our socials, we are again in DST thanks to the Uniform Time Act of 1966 (by the way, DST wasn't a way to allow farmers more field time or Harley riders more daylight to ride). It was created to save money and energy use and we are officially in spring as of March 19, 10:06 PM despite what the temperature fluctuations indicate.

With warmer weather on it's way our riding season begins for most of us. There will be many opportunities to get out and enjoy the ride and the friendships built through our common love of motorcycling. Keep your 2024 schedule handy and circle April 28 for the Blessing of the Bikes to volunteer and or attend.

Happy Easter and be careful out there.

Linda Peters



Linda Peters, Secretary



ROAD CAPTAIN/SAFETY OFFICER

Mother Nature has been toying with the bike riding community as far as the weather is concerned. Warm for two or three days, hopes up, then another hard freeze. Hang in there, riding weather is most definitely on it's way. With riding in mind we all should be mindful of a few precautions that should be addressed before we set out for that first long awaited ride. Checking our bikes out before getting them out that first time is almost mandatory. Fluid levels, belt tension, lights, turn signals and just a walk around looking for anything that is not supposed to be. And, one more thing that is very important, not only before your first ride of the year, but before every ride throughout the year is checking tire pressure. According to the mechanics at Coziahr's, ninety percent of all bikes that are in for service have UNDER INFLATED tires. If you ever have a tire pressure problem at speed you will NEVER ignore it again. So, do yourself a favor and check the pressure before each ride to increase your safety. Get that inspection done and get ready for some long awaited and much needed wind therapy. Ride safe and enjoy!

So far this spring it seems

JACK HAINES



HOG MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Jack Haines

I caught up with Jack in December 2023, following the annual HOG Christmas Party. Jack is our oldest (by age) chapter member. He is legendary in the chapter...from his cowboy hat (so laden with pins it is too heavy to blow off), to his famous T-shirt trading episode. He was also known for always ordering cheese fries and putting salt in his beer!

Dave Burkham

WHAT GOT YOU INTERESTED IN MOTORCYCLES?

I grew up on an old Harley 45 in my hometown, an old 45 flathead - it still had camouflage paint. I would take the girls for a ride in my hometown of Brocton.

WHEN DID YOU START RIDING?

The late 1940's.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST MOTORCYCLE?

A 1971 or '72 Suzuki.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE BIKE?

A 1995 Heritage Softail. It was black.

WHEN DID YOU FIRST JOIN HOG?

1983.

WHAT/WHO GOT YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING HOG?

The Coziahrs. They needed people to join.

HOW FAR HAVE YOU TRAVELED ON YOUR BIKE?

I was always riding. HOG rides. I rode to Sturgis three times. Races all over and an Iron Butt ride.

DO YOU STILL RIDE?

No.

ANY FAVORITE MEMORIES YOU WISH TO SHARE ABOUT YOUR RIDING HISTORY?

The Iron Butt ride with Jack Grady, Brian Tucker and some others. We left Hardee's on Pershing Road at 5:00 am and rode 1000 miles. I was interviewed by Bob Fallstrom for the newspaper.





NEW YEAR'S DAY BRUNCH

Hosted by Dave & Becky Burkham
January 1, 2024





FEBRUARY French-Valentine SOCIAL



FEBRUARY DINNER RIDE

Feb. 21, 2024



MARCH BREAKFAST RIDE

At The Garden



MARCH Iris St. Patricks SOCIAL





MARCH DINNER RIDE

March 20, 2024



COZIAHR LAUNCH PARTY

March 23, 2024



The HOG Chapter set up a table at the Launch Party at the dealership and we signed up 3 new HOG Chapter members. We hope that everyone will be able to meet soon.



HOG SCHEDULE 2024

(All events subject to change until the day it actually happens)

JANUARY

- Jan. 6- Breakfast Ride 8:00 am **Downtown Cafe**, Decatur
- Jan 9- Canadian Pot Luck Social 6:30 pm
- Jan. 17- Dinner Ride 6:00 pm **Abe's Hideout**, Mechanicsburg
- Jan. 23- Officer Meeting 6:30 pm

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 3- Breakfast Ride 8:00 am **Dippin' Merv's**, Blue Mound
- Feb.13- French Pot Luck Valentine Social 6:30 pm
- Feb. 21- Dinner Ride 6:00 pm **Pop's**, Decatur

MARCH

- Mar. 2- Breakfast Ride 8:00 am **The Garden**, Decatur
- Mar. 5- Officer's Meeting (Feb. postponed meeting)
- Mar. 12- Irish Pot Luck Social 6:30 pm
- Mar. 20- Dinner Ride 6:00 pm **Crawford's Pub**, Maroa
- Mar. 26- Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

APRIL

- Apr. 6- Breakfast Ride KSU 8:00am at CHD **Judy's Kitchen**, Cerro Gordo
- Apr. 9- Chinese Pot Luck Social 6:30 pm
- Apr. 17- Dinner Ride 6:00 **Four Nine**, Mt. Zion
- Apr. 23- Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm
- Apr 27- Breakfast Ride KSU 8:00 at CHD **Warrensburg Cafe**, Warrensburg
Pre-Blessing Meeting at CHD 10:30 am
- Apr. 28- BLESSING OF THE BIKES

MAY

- May 4-Breakfast Ride KSU 8:00 **Corn Crib**, Newman
- May 7- American Potluck Social 6:30pm
- May 15- Dinner Ride KSU 6:00 CHD **Prairie Fire Grill**, Heyworth
- May 22- Girl's Night Out 6:00-8:00 pm
- May 28- Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

JUNE

- Jun 1- Breakfast Ride KSU at RP Lumber at 8:00 **Yoder's Kitchen**, Arthur
- Jun 8-9 Overnight Ride to Herman, MO (Lead by Bill & Lynette)
- Jun. 11 Italian Potluck Social at 6:30
- Jun 19- Dinner Ride KSU 6:00 **Nesty Burger Joint**, Rochester
- Jan. 25- Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

JULY

- Jul 6-7 Overnight to **Burlington, Iowa** (Lead by Bill & Lynette)
- Jul. 6 Breakfast Ride KSU 8:00 **Shannon's**, Bloomington
- Jul. 9 Mexican Potluck Social 6:30
- Jul. 17- Dinner Ride KSU 6:00 CHD **Snapper's**, Clinton
- Jul 20 Day Ride to Pinky's , Effingham (Lead by Roy & Linda Peters)
- Jul. 23- Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

AUGUST

- Aug.3- Breakfast Ride KSU 8:00 **Hornet Nest**, Heyworth
- Aug 9-11 Overnight to **Route 66 Car Show**, Springfield, MO (Lead by Mike & Julie)
- Aug 13- Japanese Potluck Social 6:30
- Aug. 21- Dinner Ride KSU 6:00 **Country Aire**, Atlanta
- Aug. 27- Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

HOG SCHEDULE 2024

SEPTEMBER

- Sep.7- Breakfast Ride KSU 8:00 RPLumber, **Arthur Fire Department** , Arthur
- Sep. 10 - Potluck Picnic Social in **Forsyth Pa rk** (Hot dogs provided)
- Sep. 18- Dinner Ride KSU 6:00 **Gizzardo's**, Lincoln
- Sep 21- Central IL Hog Fall Fling
- Sep 24- Officer's Meeting 6:30
- Sep. 28- **Pink Ribbon Ride** Registration 10:00-11:00 KSU at 11:00 from CHD

OCTOBER

- Oct. 5- Breakfast Ride 8:00 **Diamond's**, Decatur
- Oct. 8- German Potluck Social 6:30
- Oct 16- Dinner Ride 6:00 **Ted's Garage**, Clinton
- Oct 22- Officer's Meeting 6:30

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 2- Breakfast Ride 8:00 am **Shiny Diner**, Mt. Zion
- Nov. 12- Thanksgiving Social 6:30 pm Veteran's Appreciation(Turkey & Ham Provided)
- Nov. 20- Dinner Ride 6:00 pm **Bobby Lane BBQ**, Decatur
- Nov 26- Officer's Meeting 6:30

DECEMBER

- Dec. 7- **CHRISTMAS PARTY**
- Dec. 14- Breakfast Potluck at 9:00 at CHD
Santa in CHD in the afternoon
- Dec. 28- Officer's Planning Meeting for 2025 Calendar 6:00 pm

Volunteers will be needed for Gift Wrapping at CHD:

- November 29 & 30
- December 7
- December 14
- December 21

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