

Pipelines



July August September



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S SEAT



Well members, as we wind down on summer activities and start thinking about putting those bikes away to hibernate for the winter, it's starting to be a little depressing. We have had a great summer for our ride time. Reflecting back on summer rides, the rides are for making new friends and going places some of us have never been. We accomplished that and it's been great, even if our rides got wet. The Route 66 ride was wet, but we still had a great time mingling and eating!!!! What is the saying? You are not a motorcyclist if you have not gotten wet. Well we I can definitely vouch for that.

Yesterday, Tisa Lawless, and myself had the opportunity to lead 30+ bikes and a Jeep on the annual pink ribbon ride. Although this was not a hog event, it was for a great cause to contribute to breast, cancer awareness and research. There were several HOGs that did join us. It was a great time had by all. We rode an 80+ mile trip with five stops. Everyone welcomed us with open arms and thanked us for stopping. We made a lot of new friends. And may be some, we recruited to join HOG. And, you have never seen so much pink. It was a lot of fun.

We have our HOG Christmas party planned for 2023 and we are needing some feed back from the HOG chapter as to whether they would like to keep the schedule close to the same for next year or shake it up a bit. More to come on that. We will also be getting questionnaires out so everyone can have a say and be included in our future plans for activities. So start thinking about what you would or would not like to see in 2024.

It's been a wonderful 2023 and we hope to make 2024 even better.

As always, stay well and stay safe.

Julie Murphy

FROM THE TREASURER'S SEAT



I was reminded (again) last week how much CHD and the Decatur HOG Chapter work as a team. The dealership had our 9/11 Memorial ride to Lake Decatur after work on September 9th. It was a wonderful ride down to the lake, blocked and led safely so that the whole group could stay together. Many cars along our route pulled over, showing their respects for what was obviously a meaningful ride. Once we got to the lake, parked in an organized fashion, and walked to the memorial, I took a few minutes to look around and take it all in. The crowd was quiet and respectful, with everyone remembering that terrible day. Dave and Becky had gotten there early and did a fantastic job of setting up the PA system and orchestrating the playlist for the event. Patriotic songs were played, a talented young man played Taps AND sang a beautiful "God Bless America," and Greg gave a heartfelt speech for all of those in attendance to enjoy. It was clear by everyone's demeanor that the event was meaningful to each and every person in attendance, and several people stopped to tell me as much. Once the crowd started to disperse, our HOG Chapter officers and members made sure things were picked up and put where they needed to go, then made plans to continue the camaraderie at the Wagon. I was struck by how smooth everything went, especially because the HOG Chapter took the reins and ran with it, leaving me absolutely nothing to worry about. Thank you all so much, I'm so glad that we continue to be such a great team!

FROM THE ROAD CAPTAIN/ SAFETY SEAT



We've all been on rides that had 25-50 motorcycles, that when trying to cross through an intersection, certain riders would block traffic from both direction, sometimes three where applicable, in order to keep the group together. There has been conversation forever as to the legality of this practice. And, according to "TFIE Motorcycle Lawyer" web site, it states; "staying together on a long ride can be challenging when maneuvering through city streets and intersections. One solution motorcyclists have found to be helpful is "blocking". However, this technique is actually not legal." It goes on to say that only certain trained personnel can interfere or stop traffic, and "the law doesn't give motorcycle "blockers" the right to stop traffic". It goes on to say that "however some states have passed "roadguard" legislation that specifically authorizes the practice" and Illinois and Minnesota are two that have. So, technically the practice can be legal if proper training and certification is obtained from the state of Illinois by the personnel performing the blocking. To date, I have contacted the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Illinois State Police to find a training site available for anyone interested in obtaining a certificate. The DMV said it was the State Police that provided that training and the State Police said it was the DMV. Welcome to Illinois?! I will be following up with both agencies in an attempt to obtain information that will let our members, that are interested, get the training and certification that will allow us to utilize this practice legally and safely.

Mike Kovach

From the Secretary Seat



By the time this is read it will officially be fall. Yes, already. If you find yourself wondering where the summer went you are not alone. So, I went through some of the pictures of our H.O.G. events.

The summer kick off was the Blessing of the Bikes, day rides that took us from Mayberry to Mecca and The Rebel Pig in Palmyra, Mo., lots of great food at socials hosted at Coziahr's, a down home picnic at Randy and Jan Daum's, and a trip to Margaritaville courtesy of Dave and Becky Burkham. With several good breakfast and dinner rides, too. Plus a three day ride to the Rt. 66 Car Show in Springfield, Mo.

We have been rained on, felt the heat of the sun and the wind in our faces. But, do not garage those bikes yet with at least two more months to enjoy the fall foliage, good food and the camaraderie of our H.O.G. friends.

Have a great and safe fall riding season.

Linda Peters

From the Activities Director



Fall is such a beautiful time of year. Great riding opportunities for some fall colors in Illinois. We are looking forward to a wiener roast at Mike Kovach's on Saturday, October 14th. It is our October Social. We have a dinner ride to Crawford's on Wednesday, October 18th. November is filled with activities to enjoy including a Thanksgiving Social at CHD. And our Christmas Party will be December 2 at the Wagon. Be sure and mark your calendars!

But all our coming events are time to spend with wonderful Harley friends who love to ride as much as we all do!

Have a Healthy and Happy Fall filled with Beautiful Colors!

Jolene Graning

July Breakfast Ride



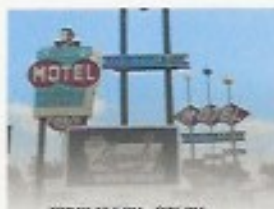
July Social



Hosted By
Dave and Becky Burkham



Route 66 Experience



TODAY AT 5 PM - 8:30 PM
**Route 66 Experience |
Kick-off Party and
Lighting Ceremony**



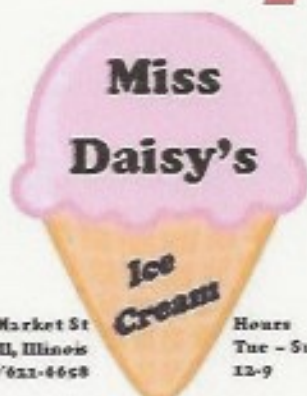
July Dinner Ride



the DUBLIN
PUB



July Day Ride



105 Market St
Sidell, Illinois
317/633-6668

Hours
Tue - Sun
12-9

Lead By Mike and Julie



August Picnic Social



August Dinner Ride



The Wall That Heals

Lead by Mike Kovach



August Day Ride

Lead BY Mike Graning



September Breakfast Ride



Farmer's Family Restaurant
Mt. Pulaski



Remembering 9/11



Pink Ribbon Ride

Lead By Julie and Tisa



HOG SCHEDULE 2023

(Revised calendar for 2023)

SEPTEMBER

- Sep. 2- Breakfast Ride KSU 8:00 CHD **Farmer's Family Restaurant**, Mt. Pulaski
Sep. 5- Potluck Social at CHD 6:30
Sep. 20- Dinner Ride KSU 6:00 RP Lumber **Harley's Hideout**, Dalton City
Sep. 23- Pink Ribbon Ride Registration 10:00-11:00 KSU at 11:00 from CHD
Sep. 26- Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

OCTOBER

- Oct. 7- Breakfast Ride KSU 8:00 RP Lumber **Bethany Diner**, Bethany, IL
Oct. 14- Wiener Roast Social Hosted by Mike Kovach, 5080 West Rock Springs, Decatur
Oct. 18- Dinner Ride 6:00 pm **Crawford's Pizza Pub**, Maroa
Oct. 24- Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 4- Breakfast Ride 8:00 am **Lovington Fire House**
(Raising money for a state trooper who tragically lost his wife and has two small children)
Nov. 14- Thanksgiving Social 6:30 pm (Turkey Provided)
Nov. 28- Officer's Meeting 6:30 pm
Nov. 30- Dinner Ride 6:00 pm **The Crowbar**, Decatur

DECEMBER

- Dec. 2- **CHRISTMAS PARTY** at THE WAGON Happy Hour 5:00-6:30 Dinner at 6:30
Dec. 9- Breakfast Ride at Shannon's, Bloomington KSU 8:00
Santa in CHD in the afternoon
Dec. 29- Officer's Planning Meeting for 2024 Calendar 6:00 pm

JANUARY 2024

- Jan. 1- New Year's Day Brunch at Becky and Dave Burkham's 10:00