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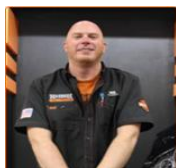
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Dealership Update

Every month, I give Debbie stress because I wait right up to the very last second to prepare this article. It's a great reminder that she loves me and can put up with this type of abuse, but it also ensures you get the freshest content available, so thank her when you see her.

Welcome to November! The leaves have turned, and the weather is a little more "crisp" each morning. We have an exciting month planned here at the dealership. This month we'll be hosting our Grand Re-opening event on Friday November 8th and Saturday November 9th. This event is a big deal for us at the store and I'd like to share why it's a big deal for me.

In 2021 I joined this dealership's staff after a recent change in ownership and a full rebranding, including a name change. Excited to push to the future, over the past three years we've earned a coveted Bar and Shield award from Harley-Davidson, grown our customer base with record-breaking sales volume in all categories and launched an event calendar that was bigger than Springfield had seen from their H-D dealer. In those same three years, our HOG chapter has had fantastic growth and a broadening reach of events and rides while welcoming new members and maintaining its legacy core membership.

Fast forward to late summer 2024, with the announcement of the sale of this store we had to quickly decide what does this change means for the Springfield Harley-Davidson community and what does it means for us at the dealership. The rebranding was minor, a slight adjustment to the name and logo and otherwise not much to define. It was an exciting and yet at times scary adjustment.

So here we are, we're ready to celebrate. With the largest event we've ever hosted, especially at this time of year, we plan to honor where we've come from, celebrate how we got here, and provide a sneak peak of what you can expect going forward. At the Grand Re-opening, you'll see throwbacks to the days of Denney's Harley-Davidson and the long-standing efforts they placed on building custom bikes, performance work and you'll see some pre-owned inventory that will spark memories of their prime era... A Screamin' Eagle V-Rods, to a Softail Deuce, the showroom will bring back that nostalgic feel. You might even see a Servicar lurking around for a day or two. The days of H+H and El Hefe Motorcycle Company will be visible as the staff is much the same, and Dominick has assembled a great inventory of dealer-branded apparel, including some surprise items you've not seen before. To honor where we're going, you'll have an opportunity to meet Teddy Morse and be part of an evening celebration with our staff and a Saturday event. During this, you'll see more vendors than we've had before, some who this is their first time joining us in Springfield to support our local riding community and we'll have biker games, and a stunt show to keep us all entertained. So don't miss it! It's time to ride again... Nic



Director's Corner- Michael

Greetings H.O.G. family! The calendar tells me it's November, but the weather insists that it is still summer. That means that there is plenty of riding to be accomplished! Our riding calendar has not slowed down either. We have several Veteran Appreciation rides coming up, and I am encouraging all members to participate.

We also have our annual Planning Meeting coming up on Saturday, November 16th at 11:00am – 1:00pm. Please bring your ideas for 2025 to the table. You don't have to lead the ride to suggest the ride – we just want the ideas. If you can't attend the Planning Meeting in person, email your suggestions to Kathy H. at mrsightman07@me.com. Even if you don't have all the details worked out, we can still put it on the calendar for 2025. Just give us a destination and date(s) and we will work out the details later. This is also a great time to start thinking about setting a goal of becoming a Road Captain in 2025. We have the program put together now, so contact Brent E. for more information.

Finally, the time is now to purchase your Christmas party tickets for Saturday, December 7th. We need to give the caterer a final head count after the November 14th Social so bring cash/check for \$25/ticket to the meeting. Contact Brad S. for more information. (417) 576-8863.

Thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement. I appreciate all the efforts that each member puts into making our HOG chapter the best that it can be.



Assistant Director's Corner- Matt

GREETINGS ALL!

Hope you are taking the opportunity to enjoy riding in this nice Fall riding weather! As of October 30, the chapter has ridden 673,969 miles which ranks us as 11th in the nation and number 4 in the West Central region. Our national rider average is 6183 miles. We still have some great weather, while it's a little cooler at times, let's keep on riding so we can reach our million-mile goal!

We will again recognize monthly birthdays at the November social with a cake. This month's social will be the last opportunity to purchase tickets for the Christmas Party which is scheduled for Dec. 7th; tickets will be \$25 per person again this year. If you will not be at the social but still want to purchase tickets, please reach out to me, Ramona, or Brad Sanders.

Please remember to send me (mjconde@sbcglobal.net) or Ramona (rjconde@sbcglobal.net) any ride pictures that you would like added to the banner. Keep logging your miles with the dealership to meet the monthly check-ins. Ride Safe and Have Fun!

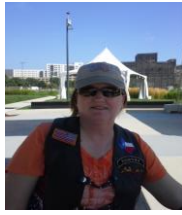


Secretary's Notebook- Valerie

A Little Perspective

I have been here at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Lawrence, KS since Sunday night with my soon-to-be 86-year-old mother. She stayed with us the previous week while we had a baby shower for my soon-to-be second grandbaby, her 40th great grandbaby; and to enjoy dinner with cousins from Alaska and Indiana. About halfway through the week, she started to develop some GI issues. They continued to worsen, although she did not tell me until Friday when she was about to start making her way home. She ended up in the emergency room on Saturday, sent home, and then went back to the emergency room via ambulance with a heart rate of 198. Long story short, it looks like she was another victim in the extensive line of food contamination, and it looks like this might have come from a local McDonalds. She is receiving great care here. I was on my way to the cafeteria this morning to grab some breakfast when I came to a young man standing at the elevator. He was blind as was evidenced by his cane and his use of the Braille printing at the elevator controls. He did not have use of his left arm and his left leg from knee to ankle was encased in a brace. As we were waiting, another woman started speaking to this young man about the large scar that ran across the top of his cranium and down along the right side of his face and he told his story. When he was 15 months old, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor and the scar is from the removal of the tumor and resulted in the loss of his sight. At the age of 4, he had a stroke which is when he lost the use of his left arm and hand. He did learn to walk again and that is why he wore a brace on his left leg. As he told his story, the woman asked if he was here for physical therapy and he said, "Oh no ma'am, I'm a volunteer here." She asked him how old he was, and he was 21. He said that he has had a lot of things to deal with and that it has been hard, but as a kid, he and his family became acquainted with "the folks at St. Jude's in Memphis" and they will change your life. I have had a lot of difficulties, but there have been a lot of good things as well. I stood there, waiting for the elevator thinking to myself...and just what problems do I have? None! Considering this young man, I have a no problems. My mom is healing, it has been a difficult road, but she is getting better. My family is healthy as am I. I have friends and family who are happy and healthy. I have absolutely nothing to complain about. Here is this incredibly young man, who has had a lifetime of difficulties and where was he today? At Lawrence Memorial Hospital in the service of others and giving an enormously powerful testimony. So, when the personalities are getting on my last nerve or politics become depressing, I will remember this young man and remember that I just need to change my perspective and focus my mind on more important things and be of service to others! Ride safe HOG family!

The business meeting is held on the 4th Tuesday of every month. It is open to any who wishes to attend, although voting is restricted to officers only. You are encouraged to attend if you would like to have a better understanding of the operations of the chapter. If you are unable to attend but have any topics that you would like to address to the officers, please send them to me no later than Tuesday BEFORE the meeting and I will add them to the agenda for discussion.



Treasurer's Purse- Ramona

Hello November!

October was a busy month, and we look forward to even more riding and activities this month.

October expenses and incoming funds left us with an ending balance of \$5909.24. Be sure to purchase your Christmas party tickets at November social; reach out to me or Brad Sanders if you need to purchase tickets and will not be at the social this month. Please reach out to me if have any questions, rjconde@sbcglobal.net.

Ride often, ride safe and have fun!



Safety Corner- Dwain

Greetings brothers and sisters!

November is now upon us with all the changing colors and cooler temps. Along with that comes frosty mornings so be cautious of the roads early in the morning. What could look like nothing more than a wet spot on the road could possibly have a frosty glaze on top. Be cautious of the critters, as they are moving about more and more this time of year. Be alert to farm equipment, as this is still harvest season. As the hard riding season begins to slow down, be sure to maintain your ride by checking fluids, tires, lighting, brakes, and filters. This will make us ready for next year's riding season, which will be upon us before you know it. We still have some really good rides left this year so blind yourself with the colors, take in more deep breaths with the cooler air, and above all, enjoy the ride.... Till next month, always trust the rubber....

Safety Officer/ Road Captain

And all-around great guy,

Dwain W.

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Road Captain's Seat- Brent

We are excited to announce the successful rollout of the Road Captain Introduction Program! The enthusiastic response from our members has been overwhelming, with many stepping up to become new Road Captains. We're looking forward to the positive energy and camaraderie they will bring to our community!

In addition, we are offering one on one or group classes using the Harley-Davidson Ride Planner. This will make it easier for you to share routes for your rides, whether you're using the HD app or the navigation systems on your motorcycle.

If you're crafting Mid-America Rally Routes, please reach out anytime! I'm here to assist you in integrating your rally ride into the Harley-Davidson Ride Planner, ensuring a seamless and enjoyable experience in preparation for our Mid-America Rally next year! The sooner the better!

Should you have any questions please reach out and contact me 573-855-3959 Your feedback and inquiries are invaluable as we work together to strengthen our Harley Owners Group.

Let's Ride!
TAP-RACK



Activities Playground- Brian and Kathy Hartley

November Activities

November 2, 2024 | Saturday Scoot/Willard Veterans Parade| Renegade 9:00 a.m., KSU 9:30 a.m.

Scoot number 11 of Renegade's 12 Saturday Scoots for the year. Only one more Saturday Scoot remaining in 2024. Meet at Renegade's Lower Lot at 9:00 a.m., KSU at 9:30 a.m. Ride will end at Willard Veterans Parade. Bring candy to throw if you have a one up and wear your patriotic gear! Parade begins at 11:00am As always, donuts and coffee are provided by Renegade.

November 8-9, 2024 | Teddy Morse's Renegade H-D Grand Re-Opening

There will be a lot of fun things happening both days. Pay close attention to Renegade's Facebook page for more information. Bike night is Friday night from 6pm-9pm. Saturday has all day activities from 10am-5pm. Come and meet Teddy Morse

from 10am-11am.

November 9, 2024 | Coffee with the Chaplains | Architect Coffee | 9:00 a.m.

Enjoy coffee with our Chaplains, Gregg and Jeannie. This is a monthly event happening on the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Ride or Cage to Architect Coffee 1604 E. Republic Rd., Springfield, MO 65804.

November 9, 2024 | Ebenezer Veterans Day Parade | Renegade 9:30 a.m. KSU 10:00 a.m.

Line-up begins at 10:40am at Farm Rd. 153 & Farm Rd. 56. The parade starts at 11:11am. There will be Veteran's Day 2024 dash plaques for the first 50 parade entrants. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and drinks after the parade.

November 9, 2024 | Dwain's Arkansas Fall Ride | Renegade 9:00 a.m. KSU 9:30 a.m.

An all-day ride is approximately 200 miles. Stops in Berryville, Eureka Springs, Lunch stop @ Rowdy Beaver, Ozark Golden Gate Bridge, and Beaver Dam. Fuel stop in Cassville and then returns to Renegade.

November 14, 2024 | Chapter Social Gathering at 6:00 p.m. Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. | HOG Chapter Room

The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. This month's theme is Soups. At 6:30 we will begin a short update of the Chapter happenings and then we will have some fun with drawings for prizes. There will be a birthday cake to celebrate the November Birthdays. **NOTE: THIS IS THE FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

IMMEDIATELY after the social we will need help packing the nonperishable items for the HOGS for KIDS Thanksgiving Baskets. We set our final goal at 30 baskets for the kids at Cowden School. That is three times what we gave last year!! We will use the money that has been designated for HOGS for Kids to complete the baskets with turkeys and other perishable items. We thank each of you who have participated in the collection of food.

November 16, 2024 | Breakfast with the Officers | 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Join the Officers for breakfast at Billy Gail's, 1882 W. James River Road in Ozark. This is an opportunity for you to share your ideas or get answers to questions you may have about the Chapter. There is no set agenda just a time of conversation and breakfast. Contact Mike V. for more information. 417-942-8418

November 16, 2024 | Service Clinic at Renegade | 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Watch their social media for further details.

November 16, 2024 | Annual HOG Planning Meeting | 11:00 a.m.

Please mark your calendars! This is the meeting where we put together our 2025 Riding Season Events calendar. Please give us your ideas for next year. Your input is incredibly important. If you cannot attend in person, please email your ride/activity ideas & suggestions to Valerie G. at vgnight409@gmail.com. Dakota Edwards from Renegade H-D Marketing will be coordinating the 2025 Renegade Dealership/HOG Chapter calendar this year. He is requesting that HOG members email pictures to him at dakotaedwards@tmhd.com so your photos may be included in next year's calendar. Please include the location and date of the picture (if possible).

November 16, 2024 | Tying Blankets for Thanksgiving Baskets | HOG Room 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Michael W. is leading another opportunity to help the HOGS for Kids by providing Tie Blankets for each of the Thanksgiving Baskets. What you need to make a blanket: two different colors or patterns of fleece material. One yard of each for a baby blanket, 1-1/2 yards of each for a child's blanket; Two yards of each for a teen or adult blanket. You will also need a pair of scissors and your fingers. These blankets are very easy to make and greatly appreciated by those who receive them. Contact Michael W. at 417-622-9017 for more information.

November 20, 2024 | HOGs for Kids Thanksgiving Basket Delivery HOG Chapter Room at 5:30 p.m. Finish Baskets assembly | Delivery at 7:00 p.m.

We will need volunteers with trucks to take the baskets to the school and help hand them out at the school. We want to have some bikes to go along also.

November 26, 2024 | HOG Chapter Business Meeting | HOG Chapter Room at 6:30 p.m.

The Chapter Business Meeting will be at 6:30 pm in the H.O.G. Room. All are welcome to attend. Come for officer updates and information about upcoming events. If you would like to add an item to the agenda, email Ozarkmtnhog2606@gmail.com.

November 29, 2024 | LOH Gift Wrapping

See Karen Ryan for details and to sign up!

December 7, 2024 | Saturday Scoot | Santa Saturday | Renegade 9:00 a.m., KSU 9:30 a.m.

Scoot number **12** of Renegade's **12** Saturday Scoots for the year. **The FINAL** Saturday Scoot of 2024. Meet at Renegade's Lower Lot at 9:00 a.m., KSU at 9:30 a.m. As always, donuts and coffee are provided by Renegade. After the scoot come by with your kids/grandkids and take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus from 11:00am-2:00pm

December 7, 2024 | Chapter Christmas Party | HOG Chapter Room | 6:00 p.m. – 10:00pm

Food this year will again be catered for us...a non-traditional Italian Theme! Lots of prizes, gifts, Dirty Santa Exchange, photo booth, etc.

December 12, 2024 |Ladies Shopping Night @ Teddy Morse's Renegade | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Ladies come out to Teddy Morse's Renegade H-D and get some Christmas shopping done for those special people in your life. This is always a fun time to do some shopping, get some food and have some conversations.

December 12, 2024 | LOH Gift Wrapping

See Karen Ryan for details and to sign up!

A LOOK AHEAD...Snap Shot of December

Coming next month:

Dec 14 – Chaplain's Coffee

Dec 14 - LOH Gift Wrapping

Dec 17 – Chapter Business Meeting

Dec 19 – Men's Shopping Night @ Renegade

Dec 19 - LOH Gift Wrapping

Dec 21 - Breakfast with the Officers

Dec 21 - LOH Gift Wrapping

Jan 1 - Polar Bear Run

Jan 1 - Frosty Knuckles Challenge Begins



Ladies of Harley LOH Corner- Karen

As we get closer to the end of the year with its many family and holiday gatherings, looking back at a great year of friendships and memories, looking forward and planning

new adventures for the coming year, I would like to reflect on the family of friends (family) that we have become. As in most families, we all have our favorites, but know we can always depend on those around us in need. I would like to take this time to give thanks for our dealership support, our chapter friendships and the times and experiences we have had together.

LOH Activities for November:

FLAT CREEK "THANKS" GIVING DINNER, Republic, November 12, 6:30. Let's all get together and celebrate our family of friends with a pre-Thanksgiving dinner. For those of our members who may not have family here, let us celebrate our family. If we can get more than 25 people to RSVP, I can reserve the back dining room. Please RSVP by November 9 by contacting me at karilyn99@gmail.com or texting me at 414-339-6010.



LOH Ride Corner– Michael Wilcox

Ladies, Ladies, Ladies,

Fall is upon us! This is great riding weather. The leaves are turning colors and there for making it for beautiful scenery while riding. I love this time of year, though it may be a little cooler it is lovely to see all of the different colors of the views making for great pictures.

With that in mind I would like to challenge our lovely ladies to plan a ride. Plan it out with gas stops and a lunch stop. It doesn't have to be an all-day ride either. It could be just a few hours. If you ride double up with a spouse or significant other just sit down together and plan a ride to somewhere beautiful. Send me the information and I will get with Brian and Kathy to get it on the calendar. You don't even have to lead it. We can get someone to lead it if you are uncomfortable with leading. We need to get it out there so that our ladies are great!!

Make those plans and get them to me please. Text or email.

Michael

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Membership Corner- Corey and Nancy

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2024.

If you still need to turn in your forms and pay your \$20 membership fee, you can turn it in at the social gathering on October 10th or hand it in to any officer at any event, ride or at Renegade H-D. Please remember a National Hog membership is required to

join our local chapter.

We are now wanting to track how long members have been a continuous member of the chapter. This will include the time before the dealership became Renegades. The only tracking we have is for national membership. On the sign-in sheets, at the social gatherings we have included a column for when you became a chapter member. If you can't make it to the social gathering, you can E-mail Corey at thegoat1222@yahoo.com.

National HOG Membership Anniversaries for October:

Becky Dale (14 years), Carrol Fields (14 years), Gary Nannemann (3 years), James Black (2 years), Kody Dennis (1 year), Paul Bond (4 years), Sarah Houtchens (19 years), Scott Houtchens (2 years), Sharon Withington (1 year). Please join us in welcoming our new members and in celebrating the National HOG membership anniversaries of our friends. It has been exciting to watch the attendance at our social gatherings continue to grow. Higher attendance results in greater fun and fellowship.



Fundraising Coin Purse- Scott and Kim

Fall is finally upon us. Colors are changing, nights are cooler, and days are perfect. Enjoy the much-anticipated fall temperatures on some long stretches of back roads on that Harley.

We are currently raffling a hand-made Harley t-shirt blanket. Tickets are \$20.00 with the winning ticket to be drawn at our November gathering. Thinking of Christmas coming in approximately 90 days, this would make a great gift for someone special. Tickets can be purchased with credit card or cash during the week and someone from the Chapter will be available on Saturday to gladly take your donation.

Scott & Kim K.



Merchandising- Brad Sanders

Brad is looking into restocking for patches and shirts. He will update everyone when the new merchandise comes in. If you need patches: the Large Chapter tricolor or silver patches and rockers are available for \$21.00 each or \$40.00 for a set. Small tricolor or silver patches and are \$11.00 each or \$20.00 for a set.

All short sleeve T-shirts are \$20.00 each. The long sleeve T-shirts are \$24.00 each. You can pay by cash, or a check made out to Renegade Ozark Mtn Chapter HOG.



Chaplain's Meditations - Gregg and Jeanne

THANKFULNESS IS A CHOICE

"And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." (Ephesians 5:20 New Living Translation)

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

(1 Thessalonians 5:18 (New Living Translation))

The Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving took place in the fall of 1621. After surviving a difficult first year in the New World, the Pilgrims celebrated a successful harvest with a three-day feast. They invited the Wampanoag tribe, who had helped them learn to cultivate the land, to join them.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. This proclamation was made during the Civil War, and it set the precedent for our annual celebration of Thanksgiving. Lincoln saw it as an opportunity to foster unity and gratitude among the American people during a time of great strife and division. His decision was aimed at providing a moment of reflection and thankfulness amidst the turmoil of the war, encouraging people to come together and recognize the blessings they still had, despite the ongoing death and destruction of the conflict.

In 1870, President Ulysses S. Grant signed the "Holidays Act," making Thanksgiving a yearly appointed federal holiday in Washington, D.C. In 1885, Congress passed an act making Thanksgiving a federal holiday. Thus, our present-day celebration was born with family and friends.

Note how Thanksgiving as we now know and celebrate was born out of life's challenges, struggles, difficulties, and even national conflict. Times have changed since the original day, but the hardships and challenges today are still real. The Apostle Paul, author of the above verses, urges his readers to give thanks for everything. This means recognizing God's sovereignty and goodness in all aspects of life, whether good or challenging. It's an active acknowledgment that everything, ultimately, is under God's control and can be used for His purpose. Being thankful in all circumstances acknowledges that our joy and gratitude are not dependent on external conditions but on our relationship with Jesus Christ. It's a conscious choice to focus on God's goodness and faithfulness, regardless of what we face.

Adopting a mindset of thankfulness transforms how we perceive our lives. It's about trusting in God's plan and finding reasons to be grateful, even in difficult times. Gratitude fosters a positive outlook and strengthens our faith. Choosing to be thankful shifts our focus from what we lack to what we have. It helps us find peace and contentment, knowing that God is with us in every situation. This practice of gratitude

leads to a more resilient and hopeful attitude.

Thankfulness is a deliberate choice rooted in one's faith. It's about seeing beyond our immediate circumstances and trusting in God's greater plan. By cultivating a habit of gratitude, we experience a deeper sense of joy and peace. As I like to say, "Gratitude changes your attitude."

Prayer

Father God, it is with thankfulness and gratitude that we approach the throne of grace. Even though difficulties are part of life, we know that Holy Spirit is with us giving wisdom and guidance to walk through them. We also realize that because of Jesus we can experience the joy and peace that only he can give. We thank you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.



Food Team Serving Platter- Antoinette

Hello everyone! Now that this time of year is starting to cool down, why not have some delicious food to warm up with. Our Thursday, November 14 Social will be soup and chili. What better to pair up with some cornbread too!! Please bring some of the fixings too for the chili! Not sure what to bring? Text me and I can let you know what is needed. Antoinette 417-837-9770. This is our last social event of the year. I look forward to seeing everyone.



Mid- America Rally News- Archie Buckner- Rally Coordinator

The Mid-American HOG Rally for 2025 will be a time to remember. The rally has been announced officially and so the planning is in full swing. We are excited to partner with Oasis Hotel and Convention Center. The Oasis, home of Fire and Ice Restaurant and Bar, will serve as base camp for the duration of the rally. We are looking for ride leaders and suggestions for possible rides around the beautiful Ozarks. The committee met last Friday with Paul Blotske from Mother HOG, and he was good with all the plans we presented. Your committee is working hard to make this a memorable event for our chapter and our fellow HOG chapter members.

Archie Buckner - Rally Coordinator

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Please email Debbie at Debvenne@yahoo.com if you would like to submit anything for the newsletter- anyone can submit an article!!!

