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Dealership Update- Nic

WE'RE BUILDING A NEW DEALERSHIP!!! *April Fools... sorry, I had to.*

Happy April y'all! This month I want to write briefly about the usage of our new, improved and expanded HOG Room (Renegade Event Center). This new space is now available for use. Some details will be completed throughout the month and like our entire facility, it's forever a work in progress. This space is completely expandable. We can seat 6 to 360. It should be a great improvement to have all events in the spaces at the dealership vs. being up at the shop where access is restricted and there was not room for growth.

As we begin using this space, I want to cover a few reminders. First, the space is shared use between the dealership, Ozark Mountain HOG and the Springfield LAMA Chapter as well as others that may request it. Second, space is also expandable, meaning we'll need to know how much space is needed (attendance expectations) when booking its use so we can have the right number of motorcycles cleared out and ready for you. Last, the space will need to be reserved with Debbie Vennekotter here at the dealership prior to use, minimum 1 week prior to the event date. This timeline will allow us to ensure we are not double-booked, over-booked, or without necessary adjustments completed prior to the event date. If you have a smaller meeting need and it is after hours, you may be scheduled in the TMRHD Breakroom. HOG will have a secure storage room adjacent to the new space that will house supplies. The dealership also uses this storage space for some of our event supplies, which will be available for HOG as well (soda, water, tents, chairs and tables). To reserve the room, please contact Debbie by email at Debbievennekotter@tmrhd.com and let her know the date, time and space set up needs (tables, chairs, number attending, tech needs).

I'm very excited to see this space come to life and to resume hosting our Ozark Mountain HOG Chapter here at the dealership. As we iron any kinks along the way, I think this new space and platform for events will be a great way to highlight membership benefits within our HOG Chapter. We'll see you real soon.

Now... Get out and ride!



Director's Corner- Michael

It's officially spring, and the riding season is fully underway. And it's only 65 days until the 2025 Mid-America HOG Rally. I want to encourage all chapter members to register for the Rally this year. I believe that it is important to show support for the Rally. It is an honor to be chosen by Mother HOG to host a rally. Think of this as a family reunion. All our relatives from all over the Midwest are coming to celebrate our common bond. We know that our Ozarks region has some of the best riding in the USA. We have so much to celebrate and show off to our guests. We want to be great hosts and put forth our best effort to share our treasures with our family. We need help with putting on this rally for our friends and HOG family. There are opportunities to volunteer as Ride Leaders and Sweeps. We have opportunities to help with other areas during the rally as well. The H-D Demo truck will be at the dealership during the rally. We need demo ride leaders and sweeps for that as well. Contact Theo V. at (417) 773-1526 for Demo Truck volunteer opportunities. Contact Archie at (417) 761-4229 for more information about rally volunteer opportunities. He can point you to the right person for the rally. If you haven't registered yet, please do so. Let's show Mother HOG and our Midwest HOG family that our chapter is "all in", and that we are honored, committed and excited to host this year's rally.

I want to thank Wil W. for developing the new Advanced Rider Techniques (HOG ART) program to give chapter members the opportunity to hone their riding skills and earn recognition patches for achieving this goal. Congratulations to Kevin P., Mike F., Doug Y., and Rusty W. for passing class 1.

We would like to welcome Chrissy Lowther as our new Webmaster. This will be in addition to her current role as Fundraising Officer. Our new Social Media Officer is Katie Hough. Thank you to Chrissy and Katie for volunteering to help. We thank Heather Burns for all her hard work as the Webmaster. Good luck with your Master's Degree and full-time work with Springfield PD.

I am looking forward to riding and hanging out with our Ozark Mountain HOG chapter family now that the weather will be on our side!



Assistant Director's Corner- Matt

HAPPY APRIL EVERYONE!

The weather is improving so let's get out and ride.

So far this year we have a total of 50160 miles reported as of 3/25. This makes us 20th in the nation and number 2 in the West Central region ahead of St. Charles. Our national rider average is 619 miles. We are still doing great!! We will again recognize monthly birthdays at the April Social on the 10th. Let's not forget the Easter Egg hunt on April 19th.

Keep logging on your miles with the dealership to meet the monthly check-ins as per the Chapter Challenge Book. Ride Safe and Have FUN!



Secretary's Notebook- Valerie

Welcome to April! I took some time off in March and spent some time enjoying the new ride! I used the Orange Challenge Book to help me plan fun excursions seeing things and places that I hadn't been before. I never knew there were Route 66 murals in Lebanon. I had never been to visit Uranus, MO to see all the silliness and fun that is there to be seen! I had never stopped at Redmon's or the World's largest Gift Shop! Now, those were not in the Challenge Book, but they were stops on the way to a couple of destinations that were, and I had a great time, learning my bike and continuing the break in process. It's funny because not once did I think about what I could win, but rather what I would see and experience. I use the book as ideas of places to ride to that I have never seen or would consider seeing.

The business meeting is held on the 4th Tuesday of every month. It is open for 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 the Friday BEFORE the meeting and I will add them to the agenda for discussion. Meeting minutes will be posted to the Chapter website the month following the meeting after they have been approved (i.e. February minutes will be posted in March). Go to our website and scroll down to Newsletter and Minutes and you will find the last two months of minutes and newsletters. Quick reminder that ride sheets and waivers need to be completely filled out and once they have been turned into the Assistant Director, they are sent to the Secretary for storing.



Treasurer's Purse- Ramona

WELCOME TO SPRING!

April will continue to give us some great riding weather, hopefully you are able to get out and enjoy!

We had a couple of more raffles and truly appreciate those who are selling and buying tickets. AS of March 25, we have a balance of \$3673.91.

Please reach out to me if have any questions, rjconde@sbcglobal.net.

Ride when you can and have fun!



Safety Corner- Mike F

Spring and riding season are here! With the temperatures starting to warm up make sure you check your tires for the correct air pressure, for those that do not ride a bunch, check the dates on your tires, tires have a shelf life! It is recommended to replace them after 5 years of the date of manufacture. While you are at it, make sure all the other critical components/controls are functioning correctly and adjusted properly, check all fluids and make sure they are topped off or if they need servicing.

With spring comes storms, if you are out on a ride make sure you are prepared for a chance of one of those surprise pop up storms Missouri is so famous for, even with the warmer temperatures, the wet clothes and wind can cause your core temperature to drop. With temperatures starting to climb, make sure you are also staying hydrated! Don't forget about our beloved Ozarks critters, now is the time for them to start climbing out of their hiding places so be on the lookout for these guys too! A little turtle can cause a bad day!

More group rides! This is a GREAT way to get to know some of the other HOG members, especially on the longer, overnight trips. Please be familiar with HOG group riding practices and hand signals. If you are not familiar with them, please review them, they are available in the Chapter Handbook beginning on page 12. This can be downloaded from the Ozark Mountain Hog Chapter website under the 'MORE' tab 'Chapter Documents'. Scroll to the bottom and it will be under the heading 'H.O.G. Documents'

At the Springfield City Council meeting on March 24th, they passed making lane splitting within the city limits illegal. Officers can now ticket motorcycles, scooters, and bicycles that pass between two vehicles that are going in the same direction. This applies to both lane splitting (riding between moving traffic) and lane filtering (riding between stopped traffic).

Wil's ART training has been off to a great start! 3 members have completed level 1 and have earned the FIRST HOG ART patch. Congratulations to Doug Yoast and Rusty Weiherer! I am the 3rd person, but it feels weird congratulating myself! There have been several other members that have attended the practice sessions and have been making some great progress with their slow riding skills! I can't say this enough, a **BIG** THANK YOU to Wil for dedicating his time and effort on doing this for us. Most importantly!!! Get out and RIDE!!! Be safe and have fun!!!

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Road Captain's Seat- Brent

****Get Ready to Rally and Ride!****

The Mid-America Rally is just around the corner—June 5-7 at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center—and we're pumped to show off the beauty of the Ozarks! We need enthusiastic Sweeps from our chapter to support the 12 guided rides led by our skilled Road Captains. These rides represent the very best our chapter has to offer, and they're designed to create unforgettable experiences for H.O.G. members visiting from across the country.

****Want to join the fun? Here's how:****

1. Register for the rally at www.Harley-Davidson.com.
2. Upon registration, send a volunteer request through the designated volunteer email.
3. Feel free to reach out to me or any rally coordinator to add your name to the volunteer list as a Sweep.

****What's involved?****

We'll need Sweeps each day, June 5, 6, and 7, from 7:00 AM until the last ride returns. All rides will begin and end at the Oasis Hotel & Convention Center, so you won't miss out on any of the action!

As spring unfolds, let's also seize the chance to conquer the Harley-Davidson Ride 365 Destination Challenges: "50 Rides One Nation" and "15 for '25." These challenges not only inspire exploration but also promise thrilling adventures throughout the United States. Did you know that only 80 riders nationwide have successfully completed the "50 Rides One Nation" challenge? Join this select group and let's hit the road together!

Be sure to log your miles and submit your entries, and most importantly, savor every moment spent on the open road. Let's ride together!

****TAP-RACK***



Activities Playground- Brian and Kathy Hartley

April 2025 Activities

Spring is in the air! And it is a great time to get out and join us in the activities we have planned for the month. Let's see where it takes us!

As always, keep watch in the weekly e-Blasts, on Facebook, on the website and here in the newsletter for the list of activities we have scheduled. You do not want to miss out!

If you have a ride that you would like to add to the calendar, please email mrsightman07@me.com.

2025 Orange Riding Challenge Books If you haven't picked up your book yet you can do so at the April Social on April 10. The cost is \$1. Join many of your fellow Chapter Members as they ride over the Ozarks to complete the Challenges.

March 1 - April 30, 2025 | S.P.R.I.N.G. F.E.V.E.R. RIDING CHALLENGE | It's Back

The second annual Spring Fever Challenge is here. Helping our chapter reach the Million Mile goal. Just like SPELL IT in the Challenge Book, you will need to spell SPRING FEVER and log miles. This is a two-part challenge to spell it & mileage challenge. If you are on a chapter ride and an officer is on the ride to verify the cities, then no picture will be required. The challenge runs through April 30th. You will turn in your ending mileage by texting a photo of your odometer to Brian at 314-814-4481. Or have an Officer verify your mileage by looking at your odometer on April 30. Trophies will be awarded to the top three Men and top three Ladies, each receiving trophies. Let's Ride!!

April 1 - Oct 31, 2025 | Ride for Heros Challenge | Harley Davidson

Harley has put out this challenge for all HOG members. Enter this ride challenge to win prizes and raise money for local veteran organizations. You will need to bring your phone into the dealership to register and get entered into the challenge. You will need your vin numbers to put into the system, this does not feed from the HOG management system. The miles for this challenge will be collected differently than through the HOG management system but will feed to your overall mileage in the Hog Management system. If mileage is put into the HOG management system first, it will not feed to this challenge. Please see the Harley website for the Ride for Heros challenge

April 5, 2025 | Saturday Scoot | TMRHD 9:00 a.m., KSU 9:30 a.m.

Scoot number 4 of TMRHD's 12 Saturday Scoots for the year. Meet at TMRHD's lower lot at 9:00 a.m., KSU at 9:30 a.m. As always, donuts and coffee are provided. We are riding to The Man Show Expo at the Ozark Empire Fairgrounds. This is a show dedicated to all things man! Watch for any cancellations due to rain.

April 6, 2025 | LOH Arkansas Ride | Ozark Walmart 9:00 a.m., KSU 9:30 a.m.

Johnna will lead a gorgeous 210 mile ride into Arkansas with a stop at Boxley Mill for a quick picture. Lunch will be in Jasper, AR. Contact Johnna for more information.

April 6, 2025 | Slow Roll Course #2 | TMRHD Upper Lot 1:00 p.m.

Will Wheelock will lead Class 2 of his Slow Roll Course. This class will include Test #3 cone weave. #4 offset cone weave. 22-foot u-turn. Test #5 Intersection. Requirements for attending this class: be a National and Chapter HOG member, wear a Dot helmet, gloves, boots that cover the ankles, Jeans or riding pants, Eye protection. At the end of

all three courses, you will earn the right to wear a patch.

April 10, 2025 | Chapter Social Gathering at 6:00 p.m. Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. | TMRHD REC Room (new space)

Join us for a great time of fun, food and friendship...the three F's. The meal starts at 6:00 p.m. Bring a dish or two and join us. There will be a birthday cake to celebrate the April Birthdays. The Chapter updates and fun and prizes start at 6:30 p.m.

We are collecting candy for the Easter Egg Hunt at this month's social. We need candy for 400 kids.

We will use this month to start catching up on the HOGS for KIDS Thanksgiving Basket items. February was Peanut butter and jelly. March was three cans of corn and April is two packages of Turkey Gravy Mix. If you have already purchased your items, bring them in. But if not, you can bring these items in anytime until we assemble the baskets in November. Don't forget by bringing in the items you will receive an extra blue ticket and 20 points in your Challenge Book.

April 12, 2025 | 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.

April 12, 2025 | National Grilled Cheese Day | TMRHD | 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Free Grilled Cheese at TMRHD where Nic and Dominick will be cooking, which means there will be all kinds of antics you will not want to miss.

April 12, 2025 | BennHaHa Grand Tour Ride | 8:30 a.m. KSU 9:00 a.m.

We will meet at Oasis in the Great Southern Bank parking lot @ 830am...KSU @ 9am. We will ride through Bennett Springs State Park, then to Lake Ozark HD in Osage beach. We will have lunch @ Redhead lakeside grill in Osage beach, then ride to Ozarkland in Camdenton, then to HaHa Tonka Castle Ruins then back to Oasis. We will have fuel stops in Buffalo and Camdenton. Anyone willing to sweep on this ride please contact Jerry P @ 573-305-6974

April 12, 2025 | Easter Egg Stuffing | TMRHD REC Room | 10:00 a.m.

We need your help to stuff Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt happening on April 19. We will meet in the TMRHD Rec Room and stuff until we are finished. If you haven't already donated candy, you can bring it to the dealership while we are stuffing.

April 13, 2025 | Branson Cross Bike Blessing | Jame River Church West | 1:00 p.m. KSU 1:30 p.m.

Meet at James River Church West Campus, 3953 W. Farm Road 168, Springfield, MO 65807 (US-60 & FF Hwy). The leisurely ride will take us on country roads through Battlefield, Nixa, Jamesville, Galena, to the Branson Cross (intersection of MO-160 & US-65) where the blessing of the riders and bikes will take place. The ride is about 1

hour 20 minutes (57 miles). The bike blessing at the Cross will be about 20-30 minutes. Ride and Blessing concludes at 3:00pm at the Cross, where everyone can go their separate way. Contact Gregg R. at (207) 749-4808 for more information.

April 19, 2025 | Easter Egg Hunt | TMRHD | 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WE NEED EVERYONE! We are estimating 400 kids to participate in this year's Easter Egg Hunt. We need people to help park cars, help at the bounce houses, put up fencing, hide the eggs and help with the food service. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April Social. Thank you in advance for helping make this possible for our kids.

There will be free food, easter egg hunt, bounce houses, sidewalk chalk obstacle course and much more. Camp Wakonda will be making smores for everyone. The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. and we will be having egg hunts off and on until 1:00 p.m. Food will be served from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

April 22, 2025 | H.O.G. Chapter Business Meeting | TMRHD Break Room at 6:30 p.m.

The Chapter Business Meeting will be at 6:30 pm in the TMR HD Break 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.

April 26, 2025 | Pretzel Day | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

FREE Pretzels at Teddy Morse's Renegade H-D

April 26, 2025 | LOH Fused Glass & Ride | 4:00 p.m.

Johnna will have more information in her article in this newsletter

April 27, 2025 | New Member Orientation | TMRHD Breakroom 1:00 p.m. – Orientation Ride- 2:45 p.m., KSU 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Bring a sack lunch if you want and join this introduction into the Chapter and how we ride as a group. This is a great way to meet new people and get a foundation for what our Chapter is about. All members are welcome to attend. Weather permitting there will be a ride to get you oriented to our Chapters riding style. Ride Brief at 2:45 p.m., KSU 3:00 p.m. The ride will take about an hour and a half. This is led by Brent E. 573-855-3959.

April 30, 2025 | Bike Night | American Legion | 6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

2660 S. Scenic, Springfield, MO - This event is sponsored by TMRHD. There will be food, music and 50/50 and Cool Prize Raffles.

May 3, 2025 | Saturday Scoot | 9:00am

Scoot number **5** of TMRHD's **12** Saturday Scoots for the year. Meet at TMRHD's lower lot at 9:00 a.m., KSU at 9:30 a.m. As always, donuts and coffee are provided.

May 3, 2025 | LOH International Ride | TMRHD 10:30 a.m., KSU 11:00 a.m.

This ride will be lead by Valerie Goodnight and will leave right after the Saturday Scoot. It will be a patch ride and will be about 4 hours which will include a lunch stop. Come ride and celebrate Women Riders! For more information, please contact Valerie.

May 4, 2025 | Slow Roll | TMRHD Upper Lot 1:00 p.m.

Wil Wheelock will be teaching slow speed maneuvering. Come out and improve your riding skills.

May 8, 2025 | Chapter Social Gathering at 6:00 p.m. Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. | TMRHD Rec Room

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Ladies of Harley LOH Corner- Johnna

Happy Spring!! Warmer days are upon us. Which means more time in the saddle. Come to and ride with LOH in April as we ride down into Arkansas. This ride will be on April 6th. It will be a little over 200 miles of curves and elevation changes. We will meet at the Walmart in Ozark at 9:00am with KSU 9:30am. There will be a lunch stop in Jasper and possibly a stop at Boxley Mill for a quick picture.

On April 26 come enjoy the fused glass class. This is a preregistration class as space is limited. Arrangements have been made for this to be a private class for HOG members only. Please go to:

<http://https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2f%2f%2fwww.creativeescapeglass.com%2ftickets&c=E,1,Revrij42pFWwvc5BL7bWq1suayEBWPGKa4EqYtebiMbz-5eBzWmOySowKaXua2fZ6VnfwHJTGh505ZkMdNAh1X72zCpk1sLcnpuFC5RzYDp0,&typo=1> to register. The cost saves you a seat and goes towards your project. If you have never worked with glass, making a project, you won't be disappointed. Plus, the anticipation of the finished product is well worth the wait. The class runs 4p-7p You will probably use the whole 3 hours. **There will NOT be a ride to this event.**

Lastly, as some of you know I coach the Billings high school softball team. If anyone would like to come out and support a great group of young ladies in their softball endeavors here are the home games. 4/1 Purdy, 4/10 Crane, 4/14 Blue Eye, 4/15 Pleasant Hope, 4/21 Hollister, 4/24 MCE and 5/5 Greenfield. Games are played on the Billings fields next to the park. Games are free to attend, and they have concessions. It would be neat to have some HOG members ride to the game to support the kids. All games start at 5pm

As always, get you some miles!

Johnna Forbes
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Membership Corner- Corey and Nancy

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2025.

If you need to turn in your forms and pay your \$20 membership fee, you can turn it in at the next social gathering 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. No exceptions. Anyone is welcome to ride unless it's a closed ride. A waiver is required for non-chapter members. If anybody has any questions, please feel free to reach out to Corey or Nancy Elder

National HOG Membership Anniversaries for April:

Dave Kelley (20 Years), Lucinda Kullman (16 Years), Karen Ryan (14 Years), Brent Linder (21 Years), Antoinette Heitz (3 Years), Brandon Flack (3 Years), Bonnie Herndon (2 years), Brad Sanders (2 Years), Diane Marquette (2 Years), Kris Hartley (1 Year), Victoria Mahan (1 Year), Caroll Costlow (1 Year), Sarah Evans (1 Year), Lora Cervellere (25 Years).

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- Chrissy L

This month in fundraising, we will be at the Man Show Expo, April 4th and 5th! Renegade has been kind enough to let us share their booth space to sell some raffle tickets. We will be raffling off a \$50 gift card to Rogue Barber AND a \$75 Bricktown Brewery gift card. Raffle tickets will be \$5 and will be available to anyone who wants to purchase. I will try to have some available at the dealership as well. We'll plan to draw at the April social, so you can purchase there as well. Jump on these quick if you are interested before they sell out! I am also looking for a couple volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the Man Show Friday night and Saturday. Please email me if you are interested in helping.

We have sold out of the Guns and Roses raffle tickets in just under a month! Thank

you all who supported by purchasing tickets or selling tickets! The drawing will be at the April Social. Good luck everyone!

Chrissy
Chrissylowther@gmail.com



Merchandising- Brad Sanders

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-sleeved T-shirts are \$24.00 each.

You can pay by cash, or a check made out to Ozark Mtn HOG Chapter or at the dealership by credit card.



Chaplain's Meditations - Gregg and Jeanne

Shortcuts

"...God did not lead them along the main road that runs through Philistine territory, even though that was the shortest route to the Promised Land. ... So God led them in a roundabout way through the wilderness toward the Red Sea. Thus the Israelites left Egypt like an army ready for battle. (Exodus 13:17-18 NLT)

Shortcuts! Let's be honest about them. Unless we are on a joy ride, we are almost always looking for shortcuts. However, shortcuts are not always the best route to take in life's journey. It would take took the children of Israel 40 years to reach God's "Promised Land," when in actuality, a more direct route would have taken them only 8 days.

Patience is a cornerstone of our spiritual journey because it nurtures trust, perseverance, and humility. Here's why it matters:

1. Patience teaches us to lean not on our own understanding but to trust in God's perfect timing. When we wait on Him, we learn that His plans often surpass anything we could have envisioned for ourselves.
2. Just as physical strength is built through perseverance, spiritual growth comes through enduring trials and delays. Patience molds our character and aligns our

hearts with God's purpose.

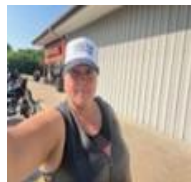
3. Waiting fosters a deeper, more unshakable faith. It's in the moments of uncertainty and delay that we often experience the most profound encounters with God and witness His faithfulness.
4. Patience reminds us that we are not in control. It humbles us and encourages surrender to God's will, reinforcing that He knows what's best, even when the path isn't clear.

Sometimes the path we are led on in life might not be the most direct or easiest route. Trust God, His way leads to a better future, filled with purpose, growth, and fulfillment. The longer the route or direction we are going may seem frustrating. Embrace the journey and be patient. God's direction produces spiritual growth that deepens and enriches our life with Him. Live wisely! Live opportunistically! Live with urgency! Life is short!!

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." (Eph. 5:15-17 NIV)

Prayer

Father, none of us like the frustration of having to practice patience especially when we feel that we need something quickly. We ask that your Spirit would calm our mind and heart as we wait for you to give us guidance and direction. In Jesus's Name. Amen.



Food Team Serving Platter- Antoinette

Hello everyone! Don't forget our meeting is on Thursday, April 10. We will be meeting in the Renegade event center (REC room for short) and it is potluck. Hope to see you all at the meeting! Eat at 6:00pm, Meeting starts at 6:30pm. We would love to have help with set up and clean up!

Got questions, please contact me, Antoinette via email antoinettebevington@hotmail.com or text at 417-847-9770.



Mid- America Rally News- Archie Buckner- Rally Coordinator **Rally Time...What's the Big Deal??**

Just in case you haven't heard by now...the MID-America HOG Rally is being held here in Springfield this June!! Oh, maybe you have heard it mentioned. Maybe you're just wondering what the big deal is about a HOG rally. I mean let's face it. We're not talking about something iconic like the 85th Sturgis or anything as boisterous as BBB. So what

makes this rally something worth going online and registering before it's too late? I have two words. Exclusivity and Special.

Exclusivity? Unlike other rallies, a HOG rally isn't just open to anyone on two wheels. Someone can't just roll in on a Harley and participate in the rally. Registration and attendance of a HOG rally is limited to HOG National members, and the guest of a HOG National member. A HOG rally is one of the perks for that national membership that you keep in good standing. In most cases, a HOG rally is more of a homecoming. Brothers and sisters come together and see fellow members that they may only see at the rallies. If you haven't already, go online and register so you can be a part of this exciting rally happening right in our own backyard.

Special? Why in the world would I think a HOG rally is something special? Let me explain. A HOG rally is a rally that is put on for HOG members by HOG members and supported by HOG members. HOG rallies are the only rallies, that I am aware of, that are "put on" by their own attendees. That registration fee that you pay when you register is used to cover the expense of putting on a quality rally. Beyond that, think of all those support positions around a rally that make it successful. Parking, registration, ride leaders and sweeps. At a HOG rally, every one of those positions is staffed by a volunteer that is attending the rally. The more volunteers we can get, the better the experience. More volunteers might be the difference between 5 minutes at the registration table or an hour waiting in line for the registration table. Volunteers help make staging the rides smoother and faster so that everyone can focus on having fun and riding rather than chaos trying to figure out where you should be for your ride.

If you haven't already volunteered, please send an email to volunteerridingtheozarks25@gmail.com today. Be sure to include your name and if you have a preference on a position. If you are already working with a rally committee member, please include that information in your email. Hope to see you at the rally!!

Archie Buckner - Rally Coordinator
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