



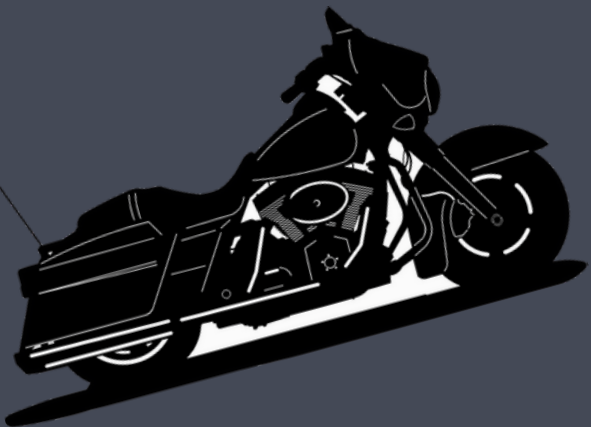
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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE RIDE

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As we move into December it seems like winter is upon us. It's cold outside.

The Christmas Party just happened and a lot of our members attended this year. The dinner was delicious and the "Dirty Santa" game was so much fun! If you didn't get to attend, make sure you do next year. We always have such a good time.

We still have a few items on the list for the year, Gift wrapping for Renegade, weekday riders, Brunch Bunch activities, and more. We are not done yet for the month, but it is time to start thinking about the New Year. It all begins with the Polar Bear Ride on January 1st. This ride is usually one of the most attended rides by Chapter Members. This time we will be meeting at Casey's on West Sunshine across from Walmart at 12:30 pm, with KSU at 1:00 pm. The ride length and ending point will be determined by the high temperature for the day. The route will be determined by the director. Looking forward to seeing you there!

With the new year, we will also have some new Chapter Officers, and they will be bringing new ideas for the Chapter, new adventure rides, and new ways for you to help the Chapter grow.

We are not truly winding down for the year, we are just in the planning stages of all that we still want to do.

And a bit of reminder for you, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Renegade on Saturday, Dec 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd beginning at 11:00 am, so don't forget to bring the kids, grandkids, and for some of us, the great grandkids so they can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Nancy and I wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas! May you all be blessed throughout the coming year!

Now let's go have fun,

Warren





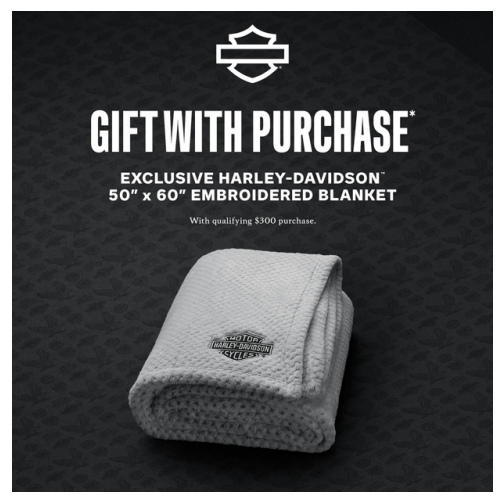
Come out to Renegade Harley-Davidson for **Santa Saturdays!** Santa is riding to Renegade! Come get your photo taken with Santa on **Dec. 9th, 16th, & 23rd** from **11am - 2pm!** Bring your Cameras! We have Harley® Holiday gifts as well so you can get all your Holiday shopping done!

For more info: [click here](#)



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Polar Bear Ride

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Meet @ 12:30, KSU @ 1:00pm at Casey's on W. Sunshine across from Walmart.



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

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MY STREET GLIDE SPECIAL

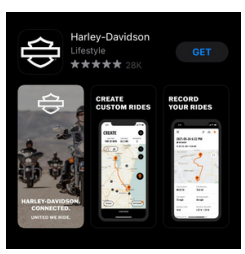
IF YOU COULD TELEPORT ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW, WHERE WOULD YOU GO?
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SEASON?
AUTUMN

IF YOU HAD TO EAT ONE MEAL FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
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Be sure to check-in at dealerships & record your rides on the [Harley app](#) so you get your points! There are limited days left before the end of the year!



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Assistant Director- Shaun Davis



Hello Everyone,

The chapter Christmas Party was a lot of fun. We handed out the highest Ride 365 Mileage to Brent E. and the highest mileage in the chapter to Dave K. They both received a set of tires from the dealership. Johnna F. was the winner of the door prize drawing and received a free annual service. Antoinette H. was voted by the chapter to be the Spark Plug awardee.

Plan for 12/31 Mileage Readings

December 31, the final day to accumulate mileage in H.O.G.'s annual Ride 365 Mileage Challenges, falls on a Sunday this year when most dealerships are closed. This means special arrangements may be needed to ensure all miles ridden through the end of the year are properly recorded for 2023, especially for members and chapters planning rides on New Year's Eve. Waiting until the next business day to record mileage may result in some 2023 miles rolling over to 2024. Instead, work with your dealership's H.O.G. manager to arrange for manual entries to be made so all miles ridden up through December 31 are credited to the 2023 calendar year.

Our market has changed due to Renegade H-D doing an outstanding job selling motorcycles and being a great dealership. So while we were number 1 in the Market 23 Southwest region, we have moved to number 3 in our new Market 3 West with 749,524 miles! We are ranked 10th in the National total. It is definitely making a difference that you are turning in miles. Continue to turn in those miles to keep us in the top position to end the year.

We will be again having a membership and mileage drive in January. Renew your HOG membership and have your first mileage read for the 2024 year and get in a drawing for a gift card to Renegade H-D. We will have our membership table set up on the weekends at the dealership and the staff will work with you to enter your mileage anytime. The winner will be picked at the February social meeting.

Till next month,
Your Assistant Director

Shaun





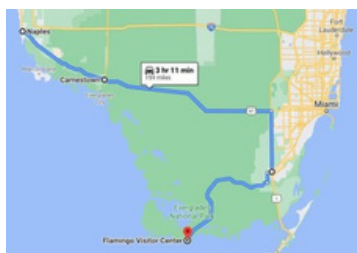
The 10 Best Motorcycle Rides in Florida

I thought I would pick a warm state for the December newsletter. Florida is a peninsula, which means, it is almost completely surrounded by water. Its economy has been based primarily upon agricultural products such as citrus fruits, strawberries, nuts, sugarcane and cattle. This state provides oranges for most of the orange juice sold in the country. Sugarcane, fish, petroleum, and phosphate (used for fertilizer) are also top natural resources. Florida's wildlife includes mammals like armadillos, black bears, and the Florida panther; reptiles such as alligators, crocodiles, and snakes; sea life like manatees, sea turtles, dolphins, and whales; and birds such as raptors, owls, cranes, and Florida's state bird, the mockingbird. More than 300 types of native trees grow in the state, from apple and cherry trees in the north to mangrove forests in the swamps. Tall sawgrass is a common sight in marshes, though Florida's most famous plant may be the orange tree.



The following information is taken from <https://greatmotorcycleroads.com/florida-motorcycle-roads>.

1. Tamiami Trail to Everglades: Routes 41, 997, 9336 (159 miles) 3 hours 10 minutes. One of the best motorcycle rides in Florida is the Tamiami Trail. The route is 155 miles in length. It is the oldest east-west

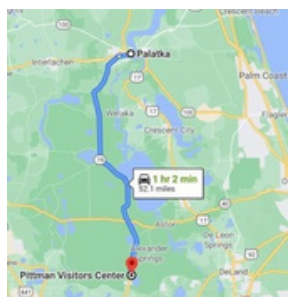


highway across Florida's southern tip, before "Alligator Alley", Interstate 75, was built. There are vast sweeps of grassy savanna, cypresses and mangroves on this route. This is a must ride if you want to experience motorcycling through the undisturbed swamps where southern Florida's wildlife resides. While there aren't necessarily



any sweeping curves or exciting elevation changes, motorcyclists will still relax and enjoy the scenery and wildlife on this ride. Just be on the lookout for gators, snakes and turtles hanging out on the roadside! [CLICK FOR MAP LINK](#)

2. Florida Route 19: Route 19 (55 miles) 1 hour. Every Florida rider knows there's much more to the



'Sunshine State' than its beach side riding. This quiet north/south Florida motorcycle road is between Palatka and Altoona, and takes you through Ocala National Forest and alongside Lake George. The national forest is a gem in the heart of the state, and offers a fantastic ride for those who want to get away from the sun and ocean while opting for the shade from these park's trees. Ocala National Forest is conveniently located between Interstate 95 and

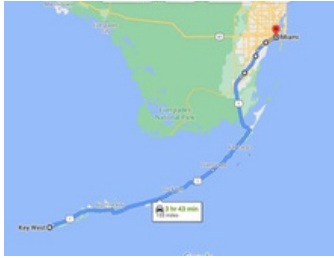


Interstate 75, making this route easy to get to from virtually any part of the state. While most of this route is a straight-shot, there are many spots to stretch the legs and venture on to some of the nearby trails throughout the forest. Enjoy the scenery of the old horse farms and wetlands. [CLICK FOR MAP LINK](#)





3. Miami to Key West: Route 1 (155 miles) 4 hours. Fuel up and prepare for a great ride from Miami down



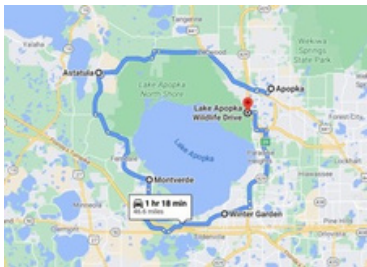
155 miles to Key West. Route 1 is definitely one of the most popular motorcycle rides in Florida, famous for the tremendous amounts of sunshine and ocean views. Along the way down to the Southernmost Point of the Continental US, there are State parks to visit, quaint seaside towns and various unique shops all along this road. Once you get



past Florida City, keep on the lookout for roadside gators, turtles and snakes.

This ride is actually a relaxed pace for most of the way, and the Seven Mile Bridge is an experience all by itself! Cruising the Florida Keys will take a few hours, so enjoy the ride and take advantage of the many places to stretch your legs before you arrive in the beautiful Key West! [CLICK FOR MAP LINK](#)

4. Lake Apopka Loop: Routes 48, 561, 455, 438 (47 miles) 1 hour 10 minutes. What is the best motorcycle



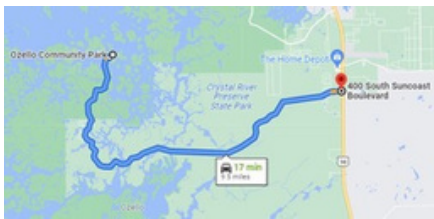
ride near Orlando? This scenic motorcycle route can be found just northwest of Orlando, and will take you around Lake Apopka.

There's some great scenery to take in along the way, with lots of nice turns and elevation changes (for Florida, that is!) as you ride through pastures and pine forests. Be sure to check out the nearby Green



Mountain observation deck, and enjoy one of the best motorcycle rides in Florida! For a longer ride to the north, check out the old scenic roads from Winter Garden, then through Tavares, and on to Mt Dora. [CLICK FOR MAP LINK](#)

5. Ozello Trail: State Route 494 (10 miles) 20 minutes. Looking for a twisty motorcycle ride in Florida?



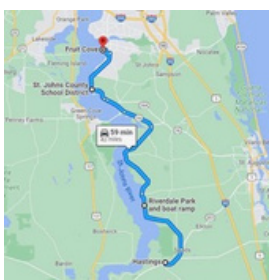
Look no further than the Ozello Trail along State Route 494. One of the shorter motorcycle rides is also a hidden gem that should not be missed. The Ozello trail is about 60 miles north of Tampa. There are plenty of curves and beautiful scenery on this



casual road on the Gulf Coast. As far as twisties, this may be some of the state's best. Be sure to check out Peck's Port Cove for some great food, and Ozello Park at the end of the road. This is a great road to ride even for beginners or moderate skill level riders. You will definitely wish this road was longer! The Ozello Trail is one of the top central Florida motorcycle rides.

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6. Hastings to Fruit Cove: Routes 13, 13A (42 miles) 1 hour.



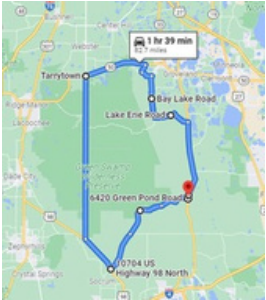
This scenic motorcycle ride takes you along the St Johns River, which is the longest river in the state. This route offers great views of the river, whether you take this ride north or south. Navigate a few twists and curves through shaded roads, which comes from the abundance of oaks and Spanish moss trees along this route. There are several parks to stop at along the way as well, including Riverfront





Park and Alpine Groves Park. Overall, this is a beautiful straight, well-paved road, and it's a great motorcycle road in Florida to ride in any time of the year. [CLICK FOR MAP LINK](#)

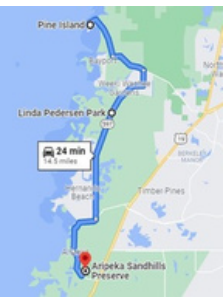
7. Green Swamp Loop: FL-33, FL-50, State Route 471, Green Pond Rd (72 miles) 1 hour 40 minutes.



This route offers a scenic tour of the Green Swamp Preserve and some nice rural roads. It's a large preserve consisting of 560,000 acres of wetlands, flat-lands, and low ridges. There are some long stretches, especially on Hwy 33 where you can open up the throttle a bit. Green Pond Rd turns into Rockridge Rd, and there's some fun twists and turns to ride with great scenery. Be sure to detour onto Lake Erie Rd and Bay Lake Rd. As of 2022, the roads are reported to be in pretty good shape overall, just watch out for the occasional sandy spots. [CLICK FOR MAP LINK](#)



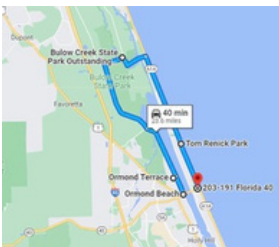
8. Weeki Wachee Ride: Routes 597, 595, Cortez Blvd (15 miles) 25 minutes.



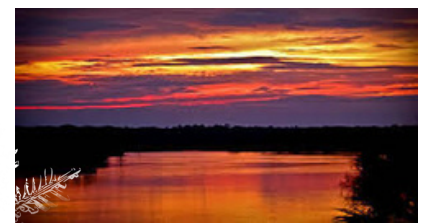
This short motorcycle ride in the Gulf side of Florida will take you through the Aripeka Sandhills area and winds through the grass flats along the Gulf and past Weeki Wachee Springs. At the north end of this route make a left and a few miles up is the Pine Island beach. There's some fun turns and straight-aways. It's a relaxing ride through rural settings that will make you feel like you're riding in old-time Florida. [CLICK FOR MAP LINK](#)



9. Ormond Loop: FL-A1A, High Bridge Rd, Old Dixie Hwy: (24 miles) 40 minutes.

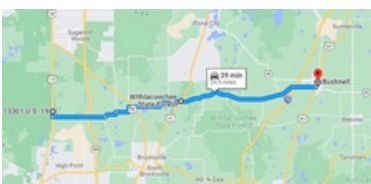


Without a doubt one of the best rides to take is the Ormond Loop featuring Florida A1A and Old Dixie Hwy. The Ormond Loop is just north of Daytona Beach. It's also a popular road during the Daytona Biketoberfest. You'll ride along the Atlantic ocean on A1A, and a tree covered canopy road with a few corners and curves. The ride through the marshland can make for a nice break from the congestion downtown. The High Bridge section



takes you through some twisties near the Tomoka River. The road through the Tomoka State Park forest will provide shady trees hanging over the road. For a longer ride, continue south on A1A to Daytona for more oceanside views and restaurants. [CLICK FOR MAP LINK](#)

10. County Road: Lake Lindsey Rd, Centratia Rd: (30 miles) 40 minutes.



A great ride north of Tampa is County Rd 476, also known as Citrus County 476. There's a tremendous amount of diverse scenery for this part of the state, changing from farmland vistas to a gentle curving tree-encased roadway as you pass alongside the Withlacoochee State Forest



and nearby environmentally preserved lands. There is generally light traffic on this road as well. Conveniently located between Tampa and Crystal River, County Road 476 offers some of the best Old Florida country the state has to offer.





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10. County Road: Lake Lindsey Rd, Centratia Rd (cont'd)

It's also very close to two of our above-mentioned routes - the Weeki Wachee Ride and the Ozello Trail. Incorporating these three motor-cycle roads together would make for some of the best riding in all of western Florida! [CLICK FOR MAP LINK](#)

Large Chapter tri-color or silver patches and rockers are available for \$20.00 each or \$38.00 for a set. We now have small silver patches and rockers along with tricolor, which are \$10.00 each or \$18.00 for a set. [You can also purchase Chapter patches in the Renegade store.](#)

All short sleeve chapter 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.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jeanne Randall, Treasurer



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Membership Director - Wayne Lovett

Membership Update

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2023. If you still need to turn in your forms and pay your \$20 membership fee, you can send me your renewal, turn it in at the business meeting on December 19th, or hand it in at the next membership table set up at Renegade H-D. The Chapter will have a membership table setup at Renegade HD every Saturday through February so you may renew your membership and pay dues for 2024. Annual dues and waivers for 2024 are due on January 1.

National HOG Membership Anniversaries for December: Nancy M. (13 years), Kasandra L. (4 years), Chris H. (4 years), Michael W. (4 years), Shane C. (2 years), Clint R. (2 years), Arik G. (1 year), Audrey H. (1 year), Lucas H. (1 year).

Please join me 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 meetings continue to grow. Higher attendance results in greater fun and fellowship. Our social and business meetings also represent awesome opportunities to share your ideas about activities for the chapter and any changes you would like to propose. We love fresh ideas!

If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining up with us, National HOG members may join our local chapter for an annual fee of \$20 per member. I can be contacted by email, text, or a phone call. As always, we also welcome everyone to our chapter social meetings, where they can inquire about membership and activities.

If you recruit someone, be sure to write your name on the back of the application so you can get the credit.

Wayne Lovett
2023 Membership Officer
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Secretary- Marty Dale

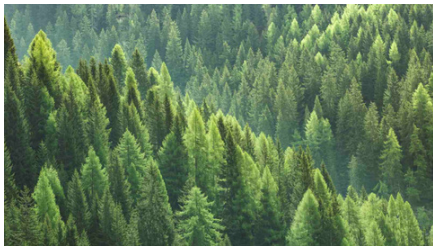
Wow – December is already here! Are you busy baking your Christmas cookies yet?



December’s name comes from the Latin word decem, which means 10. Similar to October, even though December is the 12th month of the Gregorian calendar, it was originally the 10th month of the Roman calendar, which is why it’s called December.



We all know that the major U. S. holiday celebrated in December is Christmas. Here’s a little bit of trivia about different Christmas traditions.



Evergreen trees have been a traditional symbol of winter festivals for hundreds of years. Some ancient people hung evergreen boughs over their doorways and windows believing they kept away witches, ghosts, evil spirits, and illness. Christians started using evergreens as a sign of everlasting life with God.



Do you ever wonder about Rudolph’s story? Robert L. May was an advertising copywriter for Montgomery Ward department stores (remember those?). In 1939 he dreamed up “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer” for a Christmas pamphlet as a promotional gimmick



for Wards, which Wards used for several years. May eventually found a book publisher to publish his work, and 100,000 copies were sold the same year.



Why do we give gifts at Christmas? Gift giving has been around for hundreds of years, with many countries celebrating two of the most well-known gift givers, Santa Claus or Father Christmas. Christians give gifts to remember the visit of the Magi to Jesus.



Why do we associate red and green with Christmas? One big reason is thanks to Coca-Cola. The cola company hired Haddon Sundblom in 1931 to bring Santa to life in magazine ads. He created a bearded, jolly man drinking Coke who was dressed in red and





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white surrounded by green words. The ads ran from 1931 to 1964 and changed the way Americans imagined Santa.



Another tradition is reading Christmas stories or poems. Two of my favorites are *The Night Before Christmas* and Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Do you have any favorites?



For "weather school" this month I thought it would be fun for you to see if you suffer from any of these weather phobias:

- Nephophobia – fear of clouds.
- Cheimatophobia – fear of cold.
- Cryophobia – fear of extreme cold.
- Antlophobia – fear of floods.
- Homichlophobia – fear of fog.
- Pagophobia – fear of frost or ice.
- Thermophobia – fear of heat.
- Astraphobia – fear of lightning or thunder.
- Ombrophobia – fear of rain.
- Chionophobia – fear of snow.
- Heliophobia – fear of sun or sunlight.
- Ancraophobia – fear of wind.

December is another month with two birth flowers – holly and narcissus (paperwhite).



Holly

I think we're all familiar with holly, but did you know that hollies need a male and female plant to grow berries? The berries can be red, white, yellow, black, and pink, and only the female holly plant produces berries. Holly traditionally represented hope, wealth, and fertility. More recently it represents happiness and peace.



Narcissus (paperwhite)

Narcissus or paperwhite stands for purity and unconditional love. In Victorian times the gift of a narcissus meant you were "the only one".

Those with December birthdays have their choice of three different birthstones – turquoise, tanzanite, or zircon.



Turquoise

Turquoise ranges in color from green to greenish-yellow, and the more recognizable robin egg blue and sky blue. It is believed to ensure good health and fortune, and that it can promote happiness, peace, positive energy, protection, and spirituality. Turquoise is also given as an 11th wedding anniversary gift and is one of the few minerals whose name also describes its color.





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Tanzanite ranges in colors of blue and violet and a mix of the two. Its name comes from the country where it is found – Tanzania. In addition to being one of December’s birthstones, it is also given as a 24th wedding anniversary gift.

Various colors of Tanzanite

Zircon comes in a wider range of colors – red, orange, yellow, reddish-brown, green, blue, and colorless. The colorless zircon is often mistaken for the diamond. In the Middle Ages zircon was thought to ward off evil spirits and promote riches and wisdom. Interestingly, the coloring of blue zircon fades in long exposure to direct sunlight but its blue color will return after being kept in a cool dark place for a period of time.



Various colors of Zircon

Here are a few of the famous people who were born in December:

Walt Disney, Ira Gershwin, Eli Whitney, Emily Dickinson, Ludwig van Beethoven, Howard Hughes, Isaac Newton, and Humphrey Bogart.

Here’s a little more December trivia:

- In 1865 the 13th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution was ratified, abolishing slavery.
- In 1955 Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on a bus to a white man.
- In 1962 the Mariner II space probe sent back information from the planet Venus.
- In 1993 a five-day repair job in space was performed on the Hubble Space Telescope.

Until next year – stay warm and safe.

Marty





Activities- Kasandra Lovett



The 2023 Rider Challenge books are available! Start earning points for mileage check-ins, chapter rides, chapter events, photo challenges, and more. Books are \$1.00 and will be available at the Social Gathering.

December Chapter Events



Santa Saturday's at Renegade

December 9, 16 & 23, 2023 | 11am-2pm

Location: Renegade Harley Davidson, 3980 W Sunshine Springfield, MO 65807

Santa is riding to Renegade! Come get your photo taken with Santa and get your gifts wrapped by the Ladies of Harley. Special Women's Shopping Night on Dec. 7th and Men's Shopping Night on Dec. 21st. <https://www.facebook.com/renegadehd/events>

Business Meeting

December 19, 2023 | 6:30pm

Location: HOG Room, 3980 W Sunshine Springfield, MO 65807

All are welcome to attend and hear officer updates and information about upcoming events. If you would like to add an item to the agenda please email Ozarkmtnhog2606@gmail.com.

Polar Bear Run

January 1, 2023 | Meet @ 12:30pm, KSU @ 1:00pm

Location: Casey's on 3661 West Sunshine across from Walmart.

Join us for our annual [Polar Bear Run](#). Whatever the temperature is... that's how far we ride. This is one of the Chapter's patch rides that will have the year and temperature recorded.

Saturday Scoot

January 6, 2023 | KSU 9:30am

Location: Renegade Harley Davidson, 3980 W Sunshine Springfield, MO 65807

Join us for the first Saturday Scoot of 2024. This is a short ride through the Ozarks that starts and ends at the dealership. Come early for donuts and coffee.

Annual Membership Drive

January 6 & 13, 2023 | 9:00am-2:00pm

Location: Renegade Harley Davidson, 3980 W Sunshine Springfield, MO 65807

Have your mileage checked for Ride 365 and turn in your 2024 membership forms and fees by January 13th at 2:00 pm to be entered into the drawing for a Renegade H-D gift card. The drawing will take place at the February Social. The Chapter Membership will also be set up on Jan 20th & 27th. If you would like to help sign up new members please see Mike V.





Happy holidays! As the seasons change, so do some of our riding habits. We may not be out on two wheels (or three wheels for us trike riders) as often as we want, but we do travel to celebrate the holiday season. As we spend more time indoors, here are some Christmas safety tips I found while surfing the 'net.

The stockings are hung by the chimney with care...and the Christmas tree is safely placed three feet away from the fireplace. OK, that might not be how the old Christmas poem goes. But it's a good tip to keep in mind! Read on for more Christmas safety tips to keep your loved ones safe this holiday season.

1. Replace Old Lights and Use Them Correctly

The lights bring holiday cheer for sure, but they can be a safety hazard. Use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors, and always turn them off when leaving the house or going to bed. Be sure to replace light sets that have broken sockets or frayed wires.

2. Be Mindful of Poisonous Plants

Eating mistletoe is actually toxic. Keep it away from pets, along with other potentially poisonous plants like holly berries, Jerusalem cherry and amaryllis. [Don't miss our checklist to help "pet proof" your house for the holidays.](#)

3. Practice Car Safety When Traveling

It's always important to drive safely, but the Christmas travel season can be especially dangerous. Have your car serviced before leaving on a road trip, carry an emergency kit and give yourself extra time to avoid rushing. Remember to decrease your speed if you're driving in snow or ice and wait for snowplows and sanding trucks to clear the roadways before starting your journey.

4. Watch Out for Online Shopping Fraud

Unfortunately, the holiday shopping season is fraught with fraud. While you shop, carefully check that the website address is spelled correctly—fraudulent websites with similar spelling can trick you into giving away your credit card information. When checking out, be sure the payment page address begins with "https" (the "s" stands for "secure"). And as always, never click a link from an unsolicited email.

5. Don't Make the Tree a Fire Hazard

To avoid the same fate as Clark Griswold's tree in National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, be aware of fire safety. Have the tree vendor cut off about 2" of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water





Safety- Mike Vennekotter

absorption, and make sure there's always water in the tree stand. Keep your tree at least three feet away from radiators or fireplaces. And if you buy an artificial tree, check that it's labeled "fire resistant."

6. Properly Secure the Tree

No one wants Santa to get squished by a fallen Christmas tree. Make sure your tree is properly secured with a strong stand that doesn't lean. If you have a fresh tree, don't whittle or taper the trunk to fit your stand; this makes the tree less stable.

7. Don't Burn Wrapping Paper in the Fireplace

Sure, a crackling fire in the fireplace is a must-have for cozy holiday events. Just avoid any fire accidents by practicing proper fireplace safety. Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper; and always use a fireplace screen.

8. Keep the Raw Turkey Away From the Salad

One thing is for sure, nothing will ruin your Christmas dinner faster than guests coming down with food poisoning. Handle food safely with these simple reminders: keep raw meat away from fresh produce, wash your hands frequently, use a meat thermometer and use separate cutting boards for cooked and uncooked meats. [See the food safety mistakes we're all making.](#)

9. Be Careful with Candles

The top three days for home fires started by candles are Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. To avoid a disaster, keep candles at least a foot away from anything flammable. Make sure candles are in stable holders that can't be easily knocked down, and never leave burning candles unattended.

10. Hang Breakable Ornaments Up High

Those [colorful and shiny vintage ornaments](#) are just too tempting for little ones! Instead, hang breakable ornaments at top of the tree. That way, kids can get in on the decorating fun without the worry of broken glass.

Debbie and I would like to wish all of our HOG family a safe, joyous, and Merry Christmas this year! And remember: Jesus is the reason for the season.





Ladies of Harley/Photographer/Webmaster- Sherry Davis

Ladies of Harley

The Christmas Party was amazing. Thank you to those who came to help decorate. It is a joyous time of the year to celebrate together. Merry Christmas!

All the gift-wrapping slots are filled. But still come to Renegade to do your Christmas shopping and have one of our members wrap your gifts.

In January, we will be having a "Bling Your Thing" afternoon on the 13th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Do you have a project you want to work on? Whether you have clothes that need to reflect your inner sparkle or other items that you want to personalize... then this event is for you. Bring your project and supplies and work with others to share ideas, tips, and tricks of the trade. Not to mention just spending time with amazing people.

We will be hosting a silent auction to help raise money for our Hogs for Kids Thanksgiving baskets in January and February. We will have a list closer to time, but I'll give you a teaser. Some of the old hanging blankets we had on the wall will be on the list. Make plans on coming those months to the social meeting to bid on your favorite items.

Photographer

December's photo challenge is to take a picture to your holiday lights in your home downtown. The monthly challenge is pinned at the top of our Facebook page for you to post your pictures under. You can also email me the picture and I'll post it for you. Then the next time you see me (or another officer) have us sign your book.

Webmaster

The Google calendar will be updated soon with all the activities and events for 2024. Times will be updated closer to the date. Below is the link to a Google Calendar with the chapter events:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/1?cid=b3phcmttdG5ob2cyNjA2QGdtYWlsLmNvbQ_

Use this address to access this calendar from other applications:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/ozarkmtnhog2606%40gmail.com/public/basic.ics>

Sherry





So you're probably all wondering...just how did the editor manage to tie me down long enough (from my busy duties this holiday) to get an interview out of me. Well, inquiring minds want to know! All I can say is, I felt like it was worth it...and I have a lot of information to share with you !

I know the first question you have, and the age-old tale is, [am I a real person?](#) Well, that answer depends on whether you believe! Magic does exist, and there have been [many sightings of me all over the world.](#) I have even been [seen at Bass Pro in Springfield, MO.](#) But I will leave it to you to figure it out for yourself!



There have been many [stories written about my life,](#) but the big shocker for you, and the answer to the 'other' age-old question is, "Yes, I do ride a Harley!" So be sure to wave and say hello if you see me out there on the road! I have even been known to pull a few stunts from time to time!

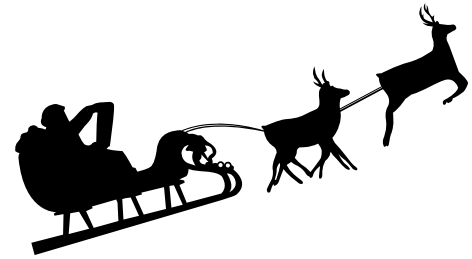
Most importantly, though, I am here to share some information about how you can brighten the lives of the little ones in your life this Christmas season! And you'll be sure to find some things for the adults to enjoy too!



The first thing I wanted to mention (especially great for the little ones) is Santa's workshop and the Portable North Pole. [Click here for a few fun facts about it!](#)

Santa's Workshop - Santa's Village - Portable North Pole:

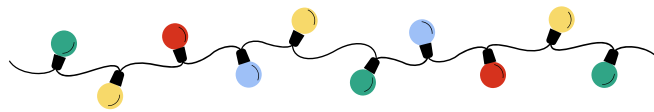
- [Create magical Santa calls](#) for the little ones!
- And [Create magical Santa videos for your loved ones!](#)



Santa's Personal Hotline

- I've also got my own personal Santa Hotline: [Forget the Stamps: You Can Reach Santa Claus By Phone!](#)

Best Places to see Christmas Lights



- [Come out to enjoy some of the best Christmas lights displays in southwest Missouri!](#)

Holiday concerts, Parades and Light displays

- [25+ things to do in December](#)



Visit Santa in Person

- Would you like to see the jolly old guy in person? Bring the family to [Bass Pro](#) for a free 4 x 6 photo with Santa this holiday! Santa will be at Bass Pro Shops locations in Springfield and Branson until Christmas Eve, December 24th.
It is encouraged to [reserve online](#) in advance.

Bass Pro Shops & Cabelas 15th Annual Family Christmas Event

- The outdoor retailer has often been heralded as a "big kid toy store," but outdoor fun and games are overflowing for kids of all ages! With the help of the elves at Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's, this year Santa is bringing toys that help kids enjoy the great outdoors: from remote control [fishing boats](#) and [monster trucks](#) to slack line [obstacle courses](#) and [swing sets](#) to [Ascend bicycles](#) and beyond!
- [BASS PRO SHOPS 2023 OUTDOOR KIDS WISHBOOK: A WINTER WONDERLAND OF FUN TOYS AND ACTIVITIES](#): To help families build out their Christmas wish lists, Bass Pro Shops is launching its first-ever "Bass Pro Shops 2023 Outdoor Kids Wishbook: A Winter Wonderland of Fun Toys and Activities." The in-home and in-store catalog includes a toy list, festive activities, fun animal facts, and two ways to capture what kids want to find under their tree on Christmas



morning: a festive letter to send to Santa AND a QR code to create your gift registry online and share with friends and family.

- Visitors also will enjoy a cascade of holiday giveaways, including candy canes for all and a rotating special gift (while supplies last), including: a Christmas Activity Book with Markers (from Dec. 3-24)
- The transformed Winter Wonderland area also will feature games, toy stations and crafts, creating the perfect holiday outing for the whole family. Youngsters are encouraged to drop off a letter for Santa in his mailbox. Those that include an email address in their letter will receive a note back from Santa.
- With this much fun in store, reservations are recommended for a photo with Santa. They can be made up to seven days in advance by visiting basspro.com/santa (U.S.), cabelas.com/santa (U.S.) or cabelas.ca/santa (Canada). However, if setting a date and time is hard for the little tykes, guests without reservations will also be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Anyway, I just wanted to give you some greetings from the North Pole and share a few things that are happening in your area! Stay warm, ride safe out there...and happy holidays!



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