



Ozark Mountain Chapter #4982- Harley Owners Group

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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE RIDE

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Writing Newsletter articles for December are the hardest of the year for me as the riding year is slowing to a crawl waiting for the weather to break.

So we can recap just a bit, our Christmas Party on the 3rd was a tremendous success, food was excellent, and fun was had by all. I think the dirty Santa game was again the highlight of the party. There were also some important awards handed out. Before I tell you about those, let me first say thank you to the folks that volunteered to do all the decorations and preparations that went on not only for this party but for the entire year. None of this happens without the volunteers. Now we can start with a couple of the awards; You have all been reminded throughout the year about the Ride 365 program, well one member took it to heart and you really have to admire his dedication, determination as Brent Emerson covered 44 states and more than 31 thousand miles and in so doing earned the award for most miles and Chapter Points. Another who took the Chapter Mileage Challenge serious was Dave Kelley with more than 10,000 chapter miles, earning him the award for most Chapter ride miles. But for me, the big winner of awards was Sherry Davis, who captured the Chapter Spark Plug Award. The biggest I say because to win this a person has to be a very giving person as the award is voted on by the entire chapter to the person who goes way above and beyond for the benefit of the Chapter. To these folks, I say, "Thank you very much".

Beyond the last Business meeting of the year on December 27th is the Polar Bear Ride. This ride is usually one of the best attended Chapter rides of the year and it happens on January 1st, look forward to seeing you there.

Since the weather is going to slow our riding, the next couple of months are a great time to get those updates on your bike done or maybe get out the old fashioned maps and start dreaming of where we can journey to when spring gets here. Think I'll just do that now!!

Till the next time, be safe.

Warren



Ladies join us for a night of shopping just for you! When? Thursday, December 8th from 6pm - 8pm.

THIS NIGHT ONLY ENJOY:

- 22% Off Men's & Ladies Sportswear
- 22% Off Handbags & Wallets
- BOGO 1/2 Off Mugs & Barware
- 22% Off Genuine P&A Decorative Trim
- 22% Off Genuine P&A Hand Controls
- 22% Off Genuine P&A Foot Controls

Live music by the Isaac Kenneth Band, and complimentary horderves & beverages will be included. You MUST RSVP to this event by clicking on the link below:

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Calling all beards! Join us for a night of shopping! When? Thursday, December 15th from 6pm - 8pm.

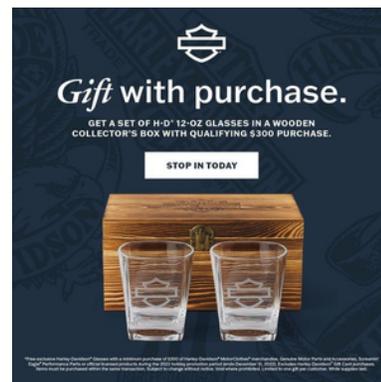
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- 22% Off Men's & Ladies Sportswear
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- 22% Off Genuine P&A Decorative Trim
- 22% Off Genuine P&A Hand Controls
- 22% Off Genuine P&A Foot Controls

Complimentary Beard Trims PLUS Beverages & Appetizers included.

You MUST RSVP to this event.. RSVP HERE: <https://www.emailmeform.com/.../fmwZiGd9Iqe310eagk7h0409K>

It's almost Christmas guys, don't mess this up!



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Spotlight on your Dealership Staff



Name: Jesse Nelson AKA Full Nelson

What department do you work in and why did you choose this area?

I work in the Sales Department. - I enjoy being a Motorcycle Consultant because I want everyone on two wheels. My favorite thing is to help someone find is their first Harley.

How long have you worked at the dealership? I have been with the dealership since May of 2022.

Do you ride a motorcycle and if so what do you ride? I currently ride a 2007 Softail Night Train. It is semi custom and a mean running machine.

What is your favorite destination? My favorite destination is Big Bend National Park and the surrounding area in Southwest Texas. Add it to your bucket list and go in the spring.

Is there anything else you would like to share ex. hobbies, interests, motorcycle story?

After dirt bikes, I bought my first cruiser at 17 years old. It was a brand new 1999 Honda Shadow. I rode it home 125 miles in 45 degrees. The next morning, I went straight to the only motorcycle shop (repair shop only) in town. He was an avid Harley Rider and had always let me dig through the scrap pile as I tried to make a chopper out of an old Honda dirt bike. At 7:45 in the morning he told me to go get some warmer gear and come with them to Lajitas, Tx. I rode for 9 hours with four grown men on Harleys and was welcomed like I was one of the crew. Been hooked ever since and love the idea of helping people get that same feeling.



Assistant Director- Shaun Davis

Hello Everyone,

While we have few more riding days this month before the Ride 365 Challenge for 2022 is over, we have ended on an extremely high note! We are ranked 30th in the Nation and 5th in the Market 23 Southwest region. Our average mileage per member is 6,316 miles, which places us at 49th. The chapters that are ahead of us are all out of Texas. We are in tight competition with the Horny Toad Chapter out of Temple TX. with only 3,000 miles separating us. So don't forget to get those last miles turned in by the end of the month to keep us in 5th place. I put a challenge in October to try and get our Chapter to around 450,000 miles. I'm excited to report as of this date we have 454,777 miles logged for 2022. Our motto "It's all about the ride!" has definitely taken us all over the country this year. We had members traveling to Iowa for the Mid America Rally, South Dakota for the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, California, New Mexico, Kansas for 1 in 50 Rides Nation and 10 for 22 Ride challenges, and all over Missouri and Arkansas.

We handed out the awards at the Christmas Party for the highest mileage in Ride 365 to Brent E. and the highest miles for chapter rides to Dave K. The door prize winner was Randy T. who won a full service package from the dealership. The Spark Plug award went to Sherry again. She has put the challenge out to volunteer this year to win the award. Thank you to all the people that came out helped make the Christmas party happen. While I may be the one that is in charge of the party, it takes many hands to make sure it goes off great! The food was delicious again and everyone had a lot of fun. Make plans to attend next year.

We had a good planning meeting and was able to put on the calendar several long rides. Check them out to decide which ones you would like to go on. However, we have many weekends that need the short day length rides to ensure all members are able to earn their pin for riding on 10 chapter rides. So be sure to sign up as a ride leader to take us on an adventure. Leading two rides earns you the Ride Leader patch.

Don't forget you'll want to be at the January social meeting when all the other awards for the year are handed out and to pick up the new 2023 Ride Challenge book and chapter calendar.

On January 14th, we will be having a mileage and membership drive at Renegade H-D. Stop by and turn your beginning mileage in and renew your membership if you couldn't make it to the social meeting.

Till next month your Assistant director,
Shaun



The 7 Top Motorcycle Rides in Arkansas

As most of you are aware, Missouri is surrounded by 8 states, Iowa, Illinois, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. Over the next several months I will be highlighting places to ride in these 9 states. Thus far, I have written about Missouri, Kansas and Tennessee. In this article I will be highlighting Arkansas. Information from greatmotorcyclerides.com.

Part of the land acquired in the Louisiana Purchase, Arkansas became a separate territory in 1819 and achieved statehood in 1836. A slave state, Arkansas became the ninth state to secede from the union and join the Confederate States of America. Today Arkansas ranks 27th among the 50 states in the area, but, except for Louisiana and Hawaii, it is the smallest state west of the Mississippi River.

1. Pig Trail Scenic Byway: Route 23, 26 miles. The Pig Trail Scenic Byway is one of the most well-known motorcycle rides in Arkansas, and carves through Ozark National Forest. The byway follows Arkansas Highway 23 from the Interstate 40 exit, and travels north through the national forest to the town of Brashears, AR. The rugged and forested Boston Mountains region of the Ozark Mountains

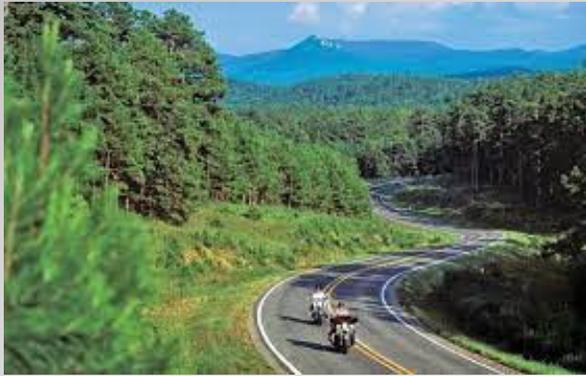
provides the setting for this ride. You'll often be riding under a canopy of trees, making for a nice, shady ride during the hot summer months. 'The Pig' has curves, hairpins, elevation changes, and great scenery - all of which makes this one of the best motorcycle rides in Arkansas!

2. Route 123: AR-123, 63 miles. Most of AR-123 rides through Ozark National Forest, and is dubbed The Dragon Tail for good reason. This route provides a motorcycle ride in Arkansas that is surrounded by beautiful mature hardwood forest that has curves, hairpins and elevation changes. The scenery is great, if you can take your eyes off the road long enough to look! Thankfully, the ride itself is outstanding, so you won't regret missing any views. Be sure to stop for a short hike at Haw Creek Falls. Riders will find this road has much less traffic than the more popular Pig Trail Byway. While motorcyclists only ride the Ozark Forest section, the road continues to be great north of Mt Judea.





Treasurer- Jeanne Randall



3. Highway 7: 156 miles. Some of the best roadside views in the entire state can be experienced on this great Arkansas motorcycle road. The southern section of this route goes through the Ouachita National Forest, while the northern section goes through the Ozark National Forest. You'll ride with great views of canyons, lakes, rivers, forests and wildlife. There's plenty of beautiful spots where you can stop for a rest and admire the wonderful scenery,

including that of the Boston Mountains. Be sure to stop at the Arkansas version of the Grand Canyon! The road pavement quality is also very good, which makes these curves and elevation changes all the more enjoyable.

4. Clarksville to Jasper: AR-21, AR-16, 102 miles. The stretch of Highway 21 between Highway 64 in Clarksville and the Buffalo National River in Newton County winds through the Boston Mountain range of the Ozarks. About 35 miles long, the highway offers panoramic valley views, glimpses of abandoned homesteads and the occasional bear or eagle sighting. The road has lots of twisties and sweepers that will keep you highly entertained. Detour east on Route 16 to view the 135-foot-long Alum Cove Natural Bridge and the nearby caves used by Native Americans for shelter on hunting expeditions.



5. Fort Smith to Eureka Springs: US-71, US-62, 117 miles. Ride with some impressive mountain vistas on this great motorcycle road in Arkansas, which includes Route 71, a curvy road that hugs ridge tops and makes steep descents. You'll also ride through small towns and beside farmland northward for about 80 miles to Rogers, AR. In Rogers, U.S. 62 heads east to Eureka Springs, winding through deep forest and up and down mountains. The



very best of this route is between Gateway and Eureka. From Rogers to Eureka Springs is another 35 miles. Most of this road is in excellent shape as of 2022. At Winslow, you can take a short detour over to Devil's Den by heading west on Route 74. Here you'll experience some of the best twisting backroads around!





Treasurer- Jeanne Randall



6. Push Mountain Rd to Mountain View: AR-3412, AR-14, AR-87, 46 miles. If you're looking for an exciting ride in Arkansas, this is the one for you. Push Mountain is well known among riders for its curves and drop-offs. You'll descend from mountain-sides with sheer drop-offs to the valley floor. This is one of the most scenic rides you can take in the Ozarks, as it winds through three mountainsides. And while there are plenty of

great curves and switchbacks to keep you on your toes, it's not too technical that intermediate riders couldn't handle it. Push Mountain Rd is a great ride all year, but it's simply breathtaking in the fall.

7. Arkansas Route 74: AR-74, 56 miles. This is a great Arkansas motorcycle road to ride through the Boxley Valley area. Since it's a very scenic area, you'll have other drivers slowing down to watch for elk. So this route is best ridden slower for the scenery, not the curves.



The section from Huntsville to Piercetown is the best part of this route to ride by motorcycle, and will take you through some of the best scenery in Arkansas. Note the first couple of miles out of Ponca is especially technical with lots of tight curves, and riders will want to be aware of the oncoming traffic as you navigate this fantastic motorcycle road.

Chapter tri-color or silver patches and rockers are available for \$20.00 each or \$38.00 for a set. The small tri-color patches and rockers are \$10.00 each or \$18.00 for a set. **You can also purchase Chapter patches in the Renegade store.** All short sleeve T-shirts are \$20.00 each. The long sleeve Graphite Grey chapter T-Shirts are \$23.00 each. We take cash or a check made out to HOG Ozark Mtn Chapter. **Merry Christmas everyone!**



Stay alert, ride safe! Jeanne Randall, Treasurer



Membership- Wayne Lovett

Membership Update

It's time to **RENEW!** Make sure you renew your chapter membership starting in January. You can send me your renewal or you can turn it in at the social meeting or any time we have a membership table set up at Renegade H-D.

National HOG Membership Anniversaries for September... Dennis M (1 yr.), Kasandra L. (3 yrs.), Michael W. (3 yrs.), Chris H. (3 yrs.), Nancy M. (12 yrs.),

Please join me in welcoming our new members and in celebrating the National HOG membership anniversaries of our friends. Ozark Mountain HOG is 126 members strong today. 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 haven't heard, in our Chapter Riders Challenge Book, there is a competition to recruit the most new members this year. If you recruit someone be sure to write your name on the back of the application so it can be marked in your book and on my records.

Wayne Lovett
2022 Membership Officer
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December Chapter Events

Where will 2023 take you this year?? There are many exciting rides and events planned for 2023. Some of my favorite memories from last year include the Mid-America Rally trip to Iowa and exploring a little of Kansas even though we froze on the way back on Easter Sunday. This year we will be celebrating Harley-Davidson’s 120th Anniversary in July and we will get to explore more of the Great River Road. These memories just make me smile every time I think about them. Thank you for all the adventures and I can’t wait till our riding season begins again! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

The 2023 Challenge book will be available to pick-up for \$1.00 on December 10 and 17 during the Renegade Gift Wrapping. The first ride will be the Polar Bear Ride.

LOH Gift Wrapping

December 10 & 17, 2022 | 10:00am-2:00pm

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

Each year the HOG chapter teams up with Renegade to wrap gifts for customers who are doing their Christmas shopping.

Dec 10 (10:00am-12:00pm) Marty Sherry Brent (12:00pm-2:00pm) Gregg & Jeanne Mike

Dec 17 (10:00am-12:00pm) Marty Sherry Ramona (12:00pm-2:00pm) Dave Jackie Brent Mike

Polar Bear Ride

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

Location: Casey’s on West Sunshine across from WalMart (3661 W. Sunshine St.)

Join us on the first ride of the Year! The route will be determined by the temperature.

There is a Polar Bear Patch and yearly Rocker with the date and temperature. The make-up day will be January 7th if the weather has to be canceled.





Activities- Kasandra Lovett

Ladies of Harley (LOH) Tailgate Party & Potluck

January 8, 2023 | TBA - Check the Weekly E-Blast for time updates

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

Come join us for some tailgating food and a good football game between the Chiefs and the Raiders at the HOG meeting room. Members can bring a dish to share. Please let Sherry know if you will be attending. sherrydavis1988@gmail.com.

Mileage and Membership Drive

January 14, 2023 | 9:00am-5:00pm

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

Start the new year out right by getting your mileage and membership forms turned in. If you miss this opportunity, come on January 21st or 28th.

Chapter Social Meeting

January 12, 2023 at 6:30pm (Dinner served at 6:00pm)

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

The Chapter Social Meeting is the second Thursday of the month. We will be meeting in our H.O.G. Chapter Member Room located in the upper lot of the dealership. Sign-up or renew your membership, find out about upcoming rides and events, purchase Chapter accessories for your vest and win some fabulous prizes! Invite someone who would be interested in joining our chapter. Join us at 6:00pm for a Supper served by Ladies of Harley (LOH). The meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Chapter Business Meeting

January 24, 2023 at 6:30pm

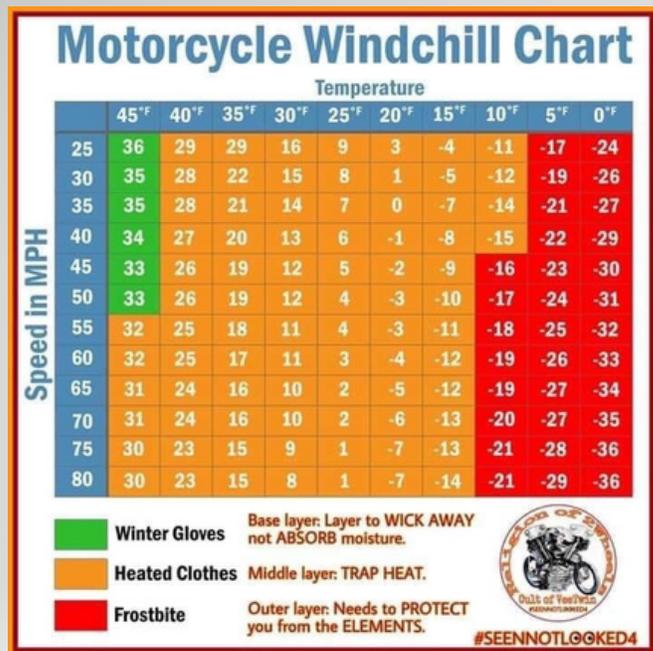
Location: Renegade Harley-Davidson Upper Lot, 3980 W Sunshine Springfield, MO 65807

The location of the Chapter Business Meeting is in the H.O.G. Chapter Member Room located in the upper lot of the dealership. All are welcome to attend and hear officer updates and information about upcoming events and ideas. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

For more details about upcoming events, call our HOG line 417-708-6993, and check the members' calendar on the [website](#) or [Facebook](#).



Winter Riding Tips Part 2



Having lived or ridden in cold weather climates (New Jersey and Maine) for most of my life, I have learned a few sure ways to enjoy winter riding. Missouri weather is nothing like the Northeast.

Ride proactively, not reactively. If you are riding cold or chilled to the bone, you will not be riding proactively. Your thoughts will be on how cold you are. **Keep this in mind; the longer one is out riding in the cold, the more chilled one will become. Dress for the length of the ride as well as for the elements.**

Proactive riding should be a given in any season of riding. But in winter, extra attention and caution must be taken. Drivers of cars and trucks are even less likely to look for us winter riders on the road because they see fewer of us. Therefore, we must pay more attention at intersections, driveways, curves, and other blind spots. **Three hundred sixty-degree vigilance is required.** Our eyes must be constantly shifting and looking about for and anticipating danger. Stay alert and focused on the road, not the scenery! Watch out for salt and gravel on the road. Watch out for icy patches. Be extra cautious on bridges. They freeze before the roadway does and often stay frozen after the roadway thaws. Be attentive to the shady spots and low areas of the road where water can pool, taking longer to thaw. And finally, be careful of the "black ice," that is the ice on the road that is sometimes invisible. And always make sure you have good tread on those tires!

I love riding in Missouri. Unlike Maine and northwest New Jersey, I am able to ride year-around. The key to a pleasurable winter ride is to do it smartly and safely. Keep the rubber on the road and the shiny side up!

Gregg



Safety- Gregg Randall

SAVE THE DATE

PLAN NOW FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE HOG CHAPTER TOUR

July 15-29, 2023

**A tour of Maine, New Hampshire & Vermont!
Including an overnight stop at Niagara Falls!**

Enjoy the scenery of the NY Adirondack Mountains, the Green Mountains of Vermont, the White Mountains & Presidential Ranges of New Hampshire, and the Downeast coast of Maine. 50 Ride 1 Nation coin stops in NY, VT, NH, & ME. Includes an extra "open night & day" to explore many options of personal choice surrounding Portland; as well as an extra "open night & day" in Ellsworth in order to explore Mount Desert Island, Bar Harbor, & Acadia Nat'l Park. Watch and listen to the sound of waves crashing at Thunder Hole. Enjoy a sunrise or sunset (or both) on Cadillac Mountain.

Four - 50 Rides 1 Nation Stops: Taughannock Fall Overlook, NY; Ben & Jerry's, Waterbury, VT; Kancamagus Highway, Conway, NH, Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME.

15 DAYS; 14 NIGHTS; 4500 Miles

(Estimated cost: \$3000/person, \$3500/couple)

Contact your ride leader for more information: Gregg Randall

Preliminary daily/route itineration will be available at Chapter Social Meeting!

SAVE THE DATE | MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, USA

Harley-Davidson Homecoming™



JOIN HARLEY FOR THEIR 120TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

H-D will celebrate its 120th anniversary in 2023 with the launch of Harley-Davidson Homecoming, an annual four-day festival filled with music, food and moto-culture. The inaugural event will be held in Harley's hometown of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on July 13-16, 2023. Riders, enthusiasts, and fans from around the world will gather for this unforgettable weekend. **The chapter will be leading a ride to this event. Find out more at the social meeting so you can book your hotels quickly!**



Ladies of Harley

We had a great year providing meals before the chapter meetings. Everyone has expressed how much they enjoy having time to visit and eat before the meeting. Thank you to everyone that brought food for the 2022 year. The tradition will continue for the 2023 year, so for the January dinner we will be having chili. So please bring a pot of chili, cheese, crackers, Fritos, desserts and anything else you would like to bring to help provide the meal.

Our last activity for the year is to wrap presents at Renegade the 10th and 17th. We have enough volunteers signed up to help, but come stop by and buy your Christmas gifts and we will wrap them for you. We will also be providing the Renegade staff with an appreciation luncheon as we have in the past. This year however, we are purchasing sandwiches instead of bringing items in.

The first LOH event is our Tailgate Party on Jan 8th. We will be setting up a large screen to watch the Chief vs Raiders game in our meeting room. The time will be determined when it is released by the teams. Plan on bringing some tailgating food and your cheer gear.

Photographer

We will be taking our yearly photo at the January Social meeting. Come with your vest or Harley shirts to wear for the picture. We will be having a photo challenge each month again with the Ride Challenge book.

The 2023 calendar is available. They are at Renegade H-D to pick up and we will have some at the January social meeting. New for this year is the activities and events for both the chapter and the dealership are listed on the calendar. Grab yours before they are gone.

Editor

Thank you to our new member Lisa P. for stepping up and volunteering to be the editor. We will be working together as she learns the ropes. Be sure to tell her thank you when you see her.

Webmaster

The Google calendar has been updated with all the activities and events for 2023. 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



What I ride: I ride a 2020 Harley 883 Iron Sportster

When I started riding and got my first bike: I first started riding in 2020.

Most Memorable Ride: All the rides with the chapter since joining in July have been memorable. I also ventured solo on 2 one day 600 miles rides for coins. Those were pretty awesome.

Anything else you want to share about yourself to the chapter: Hobbies- cycling, backpacking, hiking, camping and of course riding motorcycles. I work as a X-ray technician with CoxHealth for the past 15 years. I am the cycling captain for CoxHealth. I also held the Cub master position for my sons cub scouts pack. I enjoy spending time riding motorcycles with my son. Recently, I went on a week long backpacking trip to Yosemite. The experience was beyond more than I could ever have imagined. I learned a lot about myself like breaking points, pushing through it and made some great memories. I summited Half dome and Clouds rest. I hiked over 30 miles with full packs.

I am looking forward to 2023!





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Sherry Davis, Editor

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