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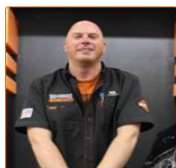
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Dealership Update

July 2024 has come to a close and what a month it turned out to be. We began the month celebrating Independence Day and the great freedoms we enjoy. Early in the month, we hosted our annual Bikers and Baseball event enjoying a win with the Springfield Cardinals. The hot dog and bratwurst buffet was a hit as always and it was great to see HOG members and Renegade staff enjoy an evening together. Some even learned a thing or two about baseball during the game!

Many of our staff enjoyed the updates from the Big Sky riders who posted photos and stories of their trip. Seeing the awesome destinations that they covered and the fun that they had reminds us of the enjoyment that can be had on a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. We can't wait to see other rides that are planned this season!

Some other news: by now I'm sure many have read, heard or otherwise discovered that the El Hefe Motorcycle Company has sold Renegade Harley-Davidson and Frontier Harley-Davidson. Renegade Harley-Davidson will join the Ed Morse Group in August. The Ed Morse Group owns five other Harley-Davidson dealerships, including Teddy Morse's Daytona Harley-Davidson in Florida, Teddy Morse's Cowboy Harley-Davidson with three locations in Texas and Teddy's Morse's Grand Junction Harley-Davidson in Colorado. The entire team here is excited for the future and to see our store become Teddy Morse's Renegade Harley-Davidson. We're glad that the Ozark Mountain HOG Chapter will be part of this bright future for our riding community. You will continue to see the same faces in the store that you've grown accustomed to. Be sure to stop in and join in the fun and excitement as we adjust to our new future.

August has many fun events coming up. The first Saturday of the month is Saturday Scoot! Later in August, we will again be a big piece of the fun at the Birthplace of Route 66 Festival in Downtown Springfield. The Rolling Arkansas campaign continues through August 28th, so come see us to sign up to win awesome prizes, up to a brand new 2024 Ultra Limited, trips or gift cards! I look forward to seeing you all at the store, at events or on the road this month. Thank you for your support!

Nic Lowther, General Manager – Renegade Harley-Davidson



Director's Corner- Michael

Wow! What an exciting month July has been! Please join all of our chapter officers in welcoming all our new extended dealership family members. Many of our members have already visited our new sister dealerships in the past. I can foresee some great chapter rides to re-visit those locations again with a new-found affection and sense of excitement. We are excited to watch the dealership and the HOG chapter grow. Even though there may be some changes, many things will remain the same. Our love of riding, socializing, exploring, and hanging out together will never change. We will certainly miss our friends and family at Frontier H-D, but we can always visit them and they are more than welcome to visit with us. Please join me in celebrating "an attitude of gratitude" with all the excitement and positive energy flowing from both the dealership staff and our chapter members.

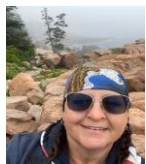


Assistant Director's Corner- Matt

WELCOME TO AUGUST!

Hope you are having a fun riding summer! As of July 25th, we have ridden 398,959 miles as a Chapter which ranks us as 9th in the nation and number 4 in the West Central region. Our national rider average is 3873 miles. Let's get out there and ride so we can reach our million-mile goal! We are making Great Progress and hope you keep riding on down the road!

We will again recognize monthly birthdays in August with a cake. At the August social we will start selling tickets to the Christmas Party which is scheduled for Dec. 7th; tickets will be \$25 per person again this year. Please remember to send me (mjconde@sbcglobal.net) or Ramona (rjconde@sbcglobal.net) any ride pictures that you would like added to the banner. Keep logging your miles with the dealership to meet the monthly check ins. The weather has been awesome but will be getting a little warmer in the coming days so stay hydrated but keep riding. Ride Safe and Have Fun!



Secretary's Notebook- Valerie

Happy August Everyone! Recently, the Big Sky trip returned from a fabulous 18-day trip of the Northwest and parts of Canada. Recently, I made a trip summary as a part of an exercise for work and when I recapped the states and provinces we visited, the roads we explored, the sights we saw, as well as all the experiences we had, well....NO

WONDER I'M TIRED!!!! I learned a lot from this trip. I learned that riding is such a privilege. Not everyone gets to ride a motorcycle for a variety of reasons. Regardless of what those reasons may be, those of us lucky enough to have and ride our bikes get to experience the world in a unique way. I learned that riding is more than the wind in your face and something transformative as it takes the worries and stresses of daily life and slowly melts them away mile by mile.

Riding a motorcycle is a physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual experience. It allows us to interact and connect with the world around us directly. We are not riding in an air-conditioned car with the windows up listening to music while we look at our surroundings through glass. When we are on the back of our bikes, we are interacting directly with our environment. Whether we are smelling the fresh hay that was recently baled, being stung by a bee or wasp, or feeling the sting of raindrops hitting our face as we ride the curves around a calm, clear lake at the base of snow-capped mountains, we are experiencing all of this directly, without barriers. It is a spiritual experience as we get to see God's amazing handiwork. We also must stay hyper-aware of our surroundings....cars, pedestrians, God's furry little critters, and road conditions are just a few things that we are constantly assessing from the back of the bike.

So even when we are taking a beautiful trip with so much to see and do, we must remember to give ourselves the rest we so desperately need. I learned my own limitations...I need periods of rest where I may not even get on the bike for a day or maybe I become a passenger princess for a day and ride behind my hubby, I just need to take the time to take care of myself and listen to what my body needs. I did not do that on this trip, and I ended up worn out and with a cold. So, remember when you are doing your T-CLOCS on your bike....run a check on yourself as well. There are many acronyms out there that you can use, but one of my favorites is: HALT. Ask yourself, am I hungry, angry, lonely, or tired? Vacations/trips are amazing as long as we remember balance and the importance of taking care of ourselves. Take time to enjoy non-bike time as well. There is nothing wrong with reading a book by the pool! Have fun everyone! Ride safe!



Treasurer's Purse- Ramona

Welcome to August!

July brought us a little below normal temps so a great month to ride!!!

July expenses were dedicated to the Muffler shoot-out event at Renegade. We ended the month with a balance of \$5,786.62; \$3,882.82 being dedicated to Hogs for Kids.

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

Ride often, ride safe and have fun!



Safety Corner- Dwain

To all my brothers and sisters. Nothing much to say except....Ride, ride, ride, and be safe! Till next month, trust the rubber.....

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Road Captain's Seat- Brent

As you enjoy your summer riding, please keep this in mind.

Absolutely! Regular ride briefings led by Road Captains and Ride Leaders are essential for keeping all riders informed and ensuring their safety, especially during multiple-day rides. Clear communication and awareness of the route and potential hazards contribute significantly to a smooth and enjoyable experience on the road. Keep rolling safely and enjoy every mile.

Let's Ride

Tap-Rack



Activities Playground- Brian and Kathy Hartley

July 27 - August 5, 2024 | MN, ND, MT, WY, Sturgis SD Ride | Renegade

Matt & Ramona Conde are currently leading this ride. If you are at home reading this newsletter, you have missed the journey. They are four days into the ride so if you ride faster and lean forward you might catch them if you run the interstate.

August 2, 2024 | Slow Speed Practice | Upper Parking Lot | 6:00pm

We will continue to work on slow speed control, making square corners, turning from a stop, straight line cone weaves, offset cone weave and we will begin the process of doing U-turns. If you have trouble maneuvering your bike in a parking lot, this practice should be of help to you. Please bring your helmet, boots that cover your ankles, and plenty of water. Contact Wil W. at wilwheelock@yahoo.com for more information.

August 3, 2024 | Saturday Scoot Meet @ 9:00 am, KSU @ 9:30 am

Scoot number 8 of Renegade's 12 Saturday Scoots. Mark your calendars on the first Saturday each month in 2024. Meet @ 9:00 am at Renegade's Lower Lot KSU @ 9:30 am. Donuts and coffee will be provided.

August 3, 2024 | Ha Ha Tonka Ride | Renegade @ 10:30 am, KSU @ 11:00 am

Jerry Pedigo will be leading us on a Ride to Ha Ha Tonka State Park. This is immediately following the Saturday Scoot. If you are not going on the Saturday Scoot Meet at Renegade H-D @ 10:30 am KSU @ 11:00 am. After getting to Ha Ha Tonka we will have lunch at El Caporal in Camdenton. The lunch stop will be the ending point of the ride.

August 7, 2024 | Bike Night | Renegade 6:00 p.m KSU 6:30 p.m.

Meet at Renegade, KSU 6:30 p.m. and ride to the American Legion Post 639 at 2660 S. Scenic together. There will be food, music, 50/50, prize raffles, and a Queen of Heart Card Draw.

August 9, 2024 | Friday Fun Run | Renegade @ 5:00 p.m. KSU @ 5:30 p.m.

The Fourth Fun Run of the summer. Join us for a ride to the Route 66 Festival Downtown Springfield. Meet at Renegade H-D @ 5:00 pm KSU @ 5:30 pm

August 10, 2024 | Coffee with the Chaplain | Architect Coffee | 8:15 a.m.

Come have coffee with Greg & Jeanne our Chapter Chaplains. This is an ongoing event @ 8:15 a.m. on the second Saturday of every month – rain or shine! Ride or drive your cage to Architect's Coffee 1604 E Republic Rd, Springfield, MO 65804.

August 15, 2024 | Chapter Social Gathering @ 6:00 pm, Fun Begins @ 6:30pm

The chapter will provide Brats and Hot Dogs. Please bring sides such as Chip, Salads, etc. There will be birthday cake to celebrate August birthdays, but if you don't want cake then you could choose to bring a dessert. Meal starts @ 6:00 pm and Fun begins @ 6:30 pm. Join in the fun, win some prizes, get to know your fellow chapter members, and learn about upcoming Chapter Events.

Bring Microwave Popcorn (12 count box) and get an extra blue ticket and 20 points in the challenge book. This is for our HOGS for Kids Thanksgiving Baskets.

August 17-18, 2024 – HOGwapalooza

Meet at the Wal-Mart parking lot Hwy 65 South & Hwy F in Ozark at 9:00am, KSU 9:30 am, Lunch at Flat Creek Grill 1:00-2:15pm, arriving at Cruise Inn Throttle Down at 3:30pm. A beautiful ride over two lakes and 4 bridges. After the ride, all are welcome to grab some food and beverages from Harter House in Kimberling City for a group cookout at Cruise Inn. A unique place with plenty of character. Bring a swimsuit and have a drink at the tiki bar and enjoy a peck from Louie the parrot. Each year, we take picture with Cruise Inn sign showing the temperature in background. Patch/rocker given for ride completion. Call Cruise Inn Throttle Down for reservations: (417) 779-4158 now. Don't miss the fun! For questions contact Kevin- kevinc@jhfc.com.

August 17, 2024 | Breakfast with the Officers | Billy Gail's in Ozark

This is **canceled** this month for HOGwapalooza. Be ready to join the officers in September.

August 21, 2024 | Bike Night | Renegade 6:00 p.m. KSU 6:30 p.m.

Meet at Renegade, KSU 6:30 p.m. and ride to the American Legion Post 639 at 2660 S. Scenic together. There will be food, music, 50/50, prize raffles, and a Queen of Heart Card Draw.

August 23, 2024 | Slow Speed Practice | Upper Parking Lot | 6:00pm

This should be a good tune-up for the Share the Road Motorcycle Course that is sponsored by the Springfield Police Dept. on August 24th. One of the groups' concerns about the Share the Road Course is the intersection pattern. That will be the focus for the evening. Please bring your helmet, boots that cover your ankles, and plenty of water. Contact Wil W. at wilwheelock@yahoo.com for more information.

August 24, 2024 | Dwain's Mystery Ride | Renegade H-D

This is such a mystery that the details are currently unavailable. Be sure to watch the weekly e-blast to see when the mystery is made more clear. Also, there might be more details at the Chapter Social Gathering.

August 25, 2024 | New Member Orientation | Canceled

New Member Orientation has been canceled until September. Let's Ride!

August 25, 2024 | HOG Posse Ride Visit | Renegade H-D

We need 10 VOLUNTEERS Parking & Servers.

Renegade will be hosting a welcome to the HOG Posse Ride from 3 - 7 pm Sunday, August 25. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. We will be helping with parking and serving dinner.

August 27, 2024 | Business Meeting Starts @ 6:30 pm

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

August 30, 2024 | Slow Speed Practice | Upper Parking Lot | 6:00pm

We will continue working on intersection pattern riding and start working on figure eights. Please bring your helmet, boots that cover your ankles, and plenty of water. Contact Wil W. at wilwheelock@yahoo.com for more information.

August 31 2024 | Jon's Dam Ride #2 | Renegade

Jon Goodnight will be leading this ride. Watch the E-Blast for more details

August 31 - Sept 8, 2024 | Circle Lake Michigan

Brian Hartley will be leading this ride counterclockwise around Lake Michigan. The plan is to get coin stops (50 Rides) for IL, IN, MI, WI, IA & MO. There will be dealership stops and other points of interest including the H-D Museum. Contact Brian for ride details and hotel information.

Calendar Change: The Chapter Picnic Luau scheduled for July 20 has been rescheduled on September 28 @ 3:00 p.m. The theme will be a Luau. Smoked Pulled Pork and Baked Beans will be the main course. Bring a side dish or dessert. More details to come. So get out your highlighters and mark your calendars now.

A LOOK AHEAD...Snap Shot of September.

Coming next month:

Aug 31 - Sept 8 – Lake Michigan Circle Ride

Sept 4 – Bike Night

Sept 7 – Saturday Scoot @ Renegade

Sept 7 - LOH Picnic Ride

Sept 12 – Social Gathering

Sept 13 – Friday Fun Run

Sept 14 - Chaplain's Coffee

Sept 14 - Bike Fest @ Lake of the Ozarks

Sept 14 - Renegade Open House/ HOGS for Kids Fundraiser

Sept 18 – Bike Night

Sept 20-22 - Ride to the Wall

Sept 21 - Breakfast w/Officers

Sept 21 - Bikes, Blue, & BBQ

Sept 22 - New Member Orientation

Sept 24 – Chapter Business Meeting

Sept 28 - Luau (formerly Chapter Picnic) & Bug Run

A Wider View...

Be Thinking how you can participate...

HOGS for Kids - Continue to check your challenge books to see what to bring each month to the Chapter Social Gathering. We are planning to assemble 30 baskets this year. Continue to bring non-perishable food items to each Chapter Social and get additional blue tickets. (Be sure the "use by" date is after November 30, 2024) Stay tuned for more exciting news and events to help with fund raising and food collection.

Food details this month are detailed in Anoinette's article below. Meal starts @ 6:00 pm and Fun begins @ 6:30 pm. Join in the fun, win some prizes, get to know your fellow chapter members, and learn about upcoming Chapter Events.

Bring Apple Juice (64 oz.) PLASTIC JUGS, and get an extra blue ticket and 20 points in the challenge book. This is for our HOGS for Kids Thanksgiving Baskets.



Ladies of Harley LOH Corner- Karen

Wow, where did this year go! We sure have stayed busy, plenty to do and see. There seems to be a new group leaving in a different direction every week, some long and some very long rides. Everyone has a new story or adventure to share with friends and/or chapter members. Listen well as you may find out about a certain place/destination that may fit on your bucket list.

LOH Activity for August is:

MOJO BIG BAND JAZZ NIGHT: August 20. Doors Open: 6:15 p.m. Show: 7:00-9:00 p.m. @ Blue Room Comedy Show, 420 W. College Street, Springfield. Mojo= Missouri Jazz Orchestra. Sign-up sheet requirement for attendance. I have reserved 15 seats; seats are free with a two-purchase minimum either drink or food. This is a 16-piece band jam session fashioned after Count Basie, playing old and current Big Band music. Let's experience something intellectually new and exciting (for some of us)!



LOH Ride Corner– Michael Wilcox

Hey Ladies,

We need some LOH rides for some Sunday shuffles. We are only doing one a month. I need you to pick a date and plan a ride. Now I know I have talked to some of you about planning rides so please sit down and get them planned and get back to me. We need to have some fun and get these rides under our belt. Summer is here so please ride safe and stay hydrated.

Get your rides to me asap and let's have some fun!!

Michael

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Membership Corner- Corey and Nancy

Thank you to those who have already renewed their membership for 2024. Don't worry, you can still turn in your renewals at any of the chapter meetings and social gatherings. Remember spouses not owning their own bike must also be a National H.O.G. Member to be a Chapter member. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining us, and they are a National HOG member, they may join our local chapter for an annual fee of \$20 per member. As always, we encourage and welcome everyone to our chapter social gatherings, where they can inquire further about membership.

We are now wanting to track how long members have been continuous members of the chapter. This will include the time before the dealership became Renegade. On the sign-in-sheet, at the social gathering we have included a column where we would like everyone to enter the date they have joined the chapter. If you cannot make it to the social gathering, you can E-mail Corey at the goat1222@yahoo.com.

Please join me in welcoming our new members and in celebrating the National HOG membership anniversaries of our friends. Let's continue to grow, so that others may enjoy the benefits of being part of the Ozark Mountain HOG Chapter.

National HOG Membership Anniversaries for August: Ramona Conde (15 Years), Frank Marquette (2 years), Marcel Marquis (21 years), John Marcel (2 years), Kevin Patton (9 years), Richard Rosell (2 years), David Wenzel (3 years), Doug Yoast (3 years)



Fundraising Coin Purse- Scott and Kim

It is so hard to believe it is already almost August. Hope everyone is riding safe in this heat we have had this summer. The raffle for the “quilted blanket” will start just as soon as we get the tickets. The quilt will be on display in Renegade H-D and you will be able to purchase tickets for \$20.00 each by cash or check. The winning ticket will be drawn at our November Gathering and you do not need to be present to win.

Since we are now only 3 months away from Thanksgiving, please, if you can, remember to participate in bringing your food items to the Gathering so we can fill the food baskets for the kids. The school we assist has so many children in need and it is hard to take care of carrot them all, but please know your donations are greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone that keeps donating.

Harley Davidson Quilted Blanket Raffle – will be coming – look for announcement of when tickets will be available in the E-blast.

\$20 per ticket

1st Place – Quilt

2nd Place- \$100 gift card

3rd Place- \$50 gift card

Drawing will be November 14, 2024

Have a safe summary and keep riding!

Kim and Scott



Merchandising- Brad Sanders

There will be a new face at our merchandise table during our socials. Please welcome Brad Sanders as our Merchandising Officer. 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. **You can also purchase Chapter patches in the Renegade store.**

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



Chaplain's Meditations - Gregg and Jeanne

WHERE YOU LOOK YOU WILL GO

"Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil." (Proverbs 4:25-27 NIV)

What are you looking at? One simple important rule in motorcycle riding is that where you are looking your bike will take you. It's probably one of the first lessons learned when riding on two wheels; be it on a bicycle as a child, or now, when riding our Harley's. This rule never fails. In fact, the Book of Proverbs offer us a lot of good instruction on how to live a good and full life.

Here are some valuable lessons we can draw from these three verses:

1. **Focus and Determination:** The instruction to *"let your eyes look straight ahead"* encourages us to maintain focus on our goals and not be easily distracted. Whether it's personal growth, a project, or a relationship, staying focused helps us achieve better outcomes.
2. **Thoughtful Decision-Making:** The verse advises us to *"give careful thought to the paths for your feet."* This reminds us to consider our choices wisely. Reflecting on the consequences of our actions can lead to better decisions.
3. **Steadfastness:** Being *"steadfast in all your ways"* implies consistency and commitment. It encourages us to remain faithful to our principles, even when faced with challenges or temptations.
4. **Avoiding Evil:** The final part of the verse advises us not to turn to the right or left, keeping our feet from evil. This emphasizes the importance of integrity, honesty, and avoiding harmful paths.

In your life's journey, who and what are you focusing your eyes on? Your answer to that question determines your life's direction. Jesus said, *"seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* (Matthew 6:33) Prioritizing God's kingdom and righteousness ensure that your choices align with His will. The wisdom of Proverbs 4:25-27, encourages us to stay focused, think critically (considering your choices), and avoid straying from the right path. It's a powerful reminder to keep our eyes on what truly matters, Jesus, *"the author and finisher of our faith."* (Hebrews 11:2)

Prayer

"Heavenly Father, help me to keep my gaze fixed upon You. Holy Spirit guide me to choose wisely in the decisions I must make, so that I may live a good and full life. I ask this in the name of Jesus, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen."

Food Team Serving Platter- Antoinette

Hey everyone!! August has National Brats Day, so our theme is Brats!! Let's make our Social great with some tasty sides to go with the brats. Some great sides to go with the

brats would be salad, potato salad, macaroni salad, Mac and cheese, chips, chili, sauerkraut, coleslaw, corn on the cob, sliced tomatoes.

Please let me know what you're bringing or text me on suggestions @417-837-9770. Remember that we will have birthday cupcakes for our August birthdays celebration.



Mid- America Rally News- Archie Buckner- Rally Coordinator

The Mid-American HOG Rally for 2025 will be a time to remember. While rally registration is not open at this point, hotel reservations are available immediately. We are excited to partner with Oasis Hotel and Convention Center. The Oasis, home of Fire and Ice Restaurant and Bar, will serve as basecamp for the duration of the rally. Rooms are now available from June 5 - 8, 2025 at special rates. Contact information for the Oasis: toll free 888-532-4338 springfieldoasis.com | 417-866-5253 | 2546 N. Glenstone • Springfield, MO 65803. Use code **HOG RALLY**. Please share with anyone who may be interested in attending!

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

