## H.O.G. #4982

## Ozark Mountain Chapter

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# **June 2024**



### **Dealership Update- Chad Anderson/Nic Lowther**

Spring has sprung and the dealership is in full blown event season. First, a look back with appreciation for all the support we've already had this season. Even though the weather hasn't been too cooperative, Demo Days, our Tent Event, The Dirty Dozen Bike Show, 1 Wheel Revolution and Bike Nights have all been a blast. Thank you to those that have supported those events, for volunteering when you can and just showing up to have a good time.

June has a full calendar, and we are especially looking forward to our Summer Bash Carnival on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. Keep your eyes on the events and let's get out there and ride!

We're on the final stages of planning a ride/viewing party for the new movie The Bikeriders debuting this month. Be on the lookout for a fun evening and watch what looks to be a great movie.

This month we will be pushing hard to close out the remaining 2023 models we have left and to continue to introduce the world to the all-new 2024 Street Glides and Road Glides. If you've missed your opportunity for the demo truck, we have a couple of them with demo plates already on them and we'd love to let you test them out.



#### **Director's Corner- Michael**

Welcome to summer! The warm weather is finally upon us, and we have lots of riding opportunities ahead of us. We are making great progress with our Million Mile Challenge! Be sure to attend the June 13<sup>th</sup> HOG Social – Paul Blotske from National HOG is treating us to a pizza party as a reward for winning the 2023 Mileage Challenge for our region. Our membership numbers continue to grow, and I'm confident we can meet the goal of 200 active members by the end of the year. We will have a lot to celebrate in 2024 if we all join together and ride, ride, RIDE!



#### **Assistant Director's Corner- Matt**

#### HAPPY JUNE!

As of the evening of May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we have ridden 163,004 miles as a Chapter which ranks us as 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation and number 3 in the Market West region. Our national rider average is 1716 miles. We need to Ride On as we ride to reach our Million Mile Challenge this year. We are making Great Progress to reach our Goal!

We are looking forward to hosting the 2025 Mid-America Rally here in Springfield; Archie Buckner has volunteered to be the Rally Coordinator and we will need all hands on deck to make this happen successfully.

We will again recognize monthly birthdays In June with a cake and photo. Please remember to send me (<u>miconde@sbcglobal.net</u>) or Ramona (<u>riconde@sbcglobal.net</u>) 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 continued to be great, so continue to Ride Safe and Having Fun!



### **Secretary's Notebook- Valerie**

In April, I had the opportunity to lead my first ride for our Chapter. If you would have asked me a year ago if I would EVER lead a ride for our chapter I would have laughed aloud and said a very emphatic "H\*\*\* No!!!!" However, there are a lot of exciting things happening around the chapter. We are hosting a rally in 2025 and we are going to need ride leaders... and yes, ladies, that includes us!!! I spent some time with Brent, our Head Road Captain, learning what goes into planning a ride. He shared examples, tips and tools, and gave me an opportunity to practice planning a trip and giving a ride brief. Our Chapter's success is dependent on all of us stepping up and supporting our work. This includes activities and rides. At the end of the day, the whole reason we are here at the HOG chapter is to ride and have fun.... we just get to do things for our community while we are at it! Participate!!!! Join in! Reach out to ANY officer to see what opportunities might be you-sized. It can be as little or big as you would like it to be. If you want to learn how to lead a ride.... Reach out to Brent. As always... if you have anything that you would like to have discussed at the business meetings, please send me an email and we invite anyone to attend. The meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the HOG room. The minutes of all business meetings are posted on our website!



#### Treasurer's Purse-Ramona

Welcome to June!

Time to Ride in this great weather!!

May expenses were primarily Ozark Mountain Hog patches and t-shirts at \$799.30 with deposits from merch sales, memberships, and raffle ticket sales of \$1254. This ends the month of May with a balance of \$4682.81.

Please reach out to me if you ever have any questions, riconde@sbcglobal.net.

Ride often, ride safe and have fun!



## **Safety Corner- Dwain**

Hello and greetings brothers and sisters. Summer is finally here. Let us all use common sense when riding. Stay focused on the road and ride. Distractions can be something very small or very large. Be sure to stay hydrated when you stop for fuel, breaks, etc. Besides staying hydrated, be sure to take stops and just stretch those muscles. This will help with not getting cramped up. Always remember the critters as well. Watch those cagers too. Let's have fun riding and exploring this great country. Take advantage of the big trips as they always have exciting loads of things to see and do. Let's all be safe out there and remember to trust the rubber.

LET'S RIDE IN STYLE AND IN SAFETY!!!!!!!

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### **Road Captain's Seat-Brent**

Attention Ride Leaders! We're seeking enthusiastic ride leaders to helm our Renegade Saturday Scoots from September through December. Our Saturday Scoots entail starting at Renegade HD, embarking on an approximately 1-hour ride, and returning to Renegade HD. In the event of ride cancellations, please adhere to the following protocols: • Decision Time: Cancellations must be determined by 7 am on the day of the ride. • Adjusted Start Times: Rides may be rescheduled to a later start time for the day. • Weather Modifications: Routes may be shortened due to weather conditions. Should any of these circumstances arise, it's crucial to promptly inform the Head Road Captain and/or Director. This ensures Renegade is notified before their workday begins. If you're ready to lead exciting scoots and be part of the Renegade experience, reach out today!

Let's Ride-Tap-Rack



## **Activities Playground- Brian and Kathy Hartley**

#### **Spring Fever Riding Challenge**

Congratulations to the winners of the Spring Fever Riding Challenge. If you weren't at the May Social Gathering, here is what you missed.

The ladies turned in 11,272 miles.

1st Place: Michaelle Wilcox. 2nd Place: Vivian Gerstetter. 3rd Place: Valerie Goodnight

The men turned in 26,163 miles.

1st Place: Brent Emerson. 2nd Place Brian Hartley. 3rd Place Dwain Wilcox.

Thank you everyone for participating. Say tuned for one more challenge coming for November & December.

#### June 1, 2024 | Saturday Scoot Meet @ 9:00 am, KSU @ 9:30 am

Scoot number 6 of Renegade's 12 Saturday Scoots. Remember and 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.

#### June 8, 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 Coffee1604 E Republic Rd, Springfield, MO 65804.

#### June 12, 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 Hearts Card Draw.

#### June 13, 2024 | Chapter Social Gathering @ 6:00 pm, Fun Begins @ 6:30pm

This month we will be treated to a pizza party, compliments of Paul Blotske, Regional National HOG Manager. This is our chapter reward for winning the 2023 Mileage Challenge for our district. 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 2 packages of Turkey Gravy Mix or a jar of spaghetti sauce or 2 brownie mixes, and get an extra blue ticket and 20 points in the challenge book. This is for our HOGS for Kids Thanksgiving Baskets.

#### June 14, 2024 | Friday Fun Run | Renegade @ 5:00 p.m. KSU @ 5:30 p.m.

The second Fun Run of the summer. Join us for a 1 hour (or so) ride with Renegade to Coyotes in Nixa and enjoy some appetizers and fellowship.

#### June 14 - 16, 2024 | Northern Missouri Murals Ride | Meet @ 8:30 am KSU 9:00 am

Ride Leader: Kassandra Lovett

Meeting at the Kum & Go 1701 W Smith St (North Kansas Expwy by Lowes) 8:30 am, KSU @ 9:00 am

Stops in Concordia, World's Largest Spool of Thread, Murals in Chillicothe, Locust Creek Covered Bridge, World's Largest Pecan, Union Covered Bridge. – 645 miles 3 days, 2 nights

#### Hotels:

June 14- Comfort Inn and Suites, Chillicothe

June 15- Best Western on the River, Hannibal

#### June 15, 2024 | Breakfast with the Officers | Billy Gail's in Ozark | @ 8:00 am

Come join your Chapter Officers as we watch Mike eat a 14" pancake. This is a rain or shine event! Ride or drive your cage to Billy Gail's, 1882 W. James River Road, Ozark, MO 65721. Come join us for breakfast and/or coffee. Chat, share ideas, fellowship, or bring concerns/compliments about our HOG chapter. Breakfast and/or coffee are on your own.

## June 20-23, 2024 | Ozark Mountain Rumble Rally in Arkansas | Renegade @ 8:00 a.m. KSU @ 8:30 a.m.

Dwain will be leading us on a nice curvy and hilly ride to the Ozarks Mountain Rumble Rally in Arkansas. Winding through Blue Eye, across Hwy 62 to Pig Trail Harley-Davidson in Rogers. Meeting at Renegade H-D @ 8:00 am, KSU @ 8:30 am.

#### June 23, 2024 | New Member Orientation | Starts @ 1:00 pm

New Member Orientation in the H.O.G. Room @ 1:00 pm. Come with your "brown bag" lunch and get to know our new members. The New Member ride will follow. Ride brief during the orientation KSU between 2:30 & 2:45.

#### June 25, 2024 | Business Meeting Starts @ 6:30 pm

The Chapter Business Meeting will begin 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.

## June 27 - 30, 2024 | Visiting H.O.G. Chapters | Details to follow w/ride times & KSU times

More details at the June Social Gathering and watch the E-blasts for information about this. There will be rides and social gatherings in the evening. A chance to meet fellow H.O.G. enthusiasts from the KC & Western Illinois areas.

#### Volunteers Needed: Saturday, June 22 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm

During Renegade's Summer Bash we have the opportunity to raise funds for the Chapter by serving lunch. We need volunteers to help cook and serve. Be planning now how you can help. If you cannot volunteer the entire time, let us know when you can be there. So sign-up at the June Social.

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 July

#### Coming next month:

July 4 – 21 – Western Big Sky Ride led by Dwain

July 6 – Saturday Scoot @ Renegade

July 7 – HOGS for Dogs sponsored by Renegade

July 11 – Social Gathering

July 12 – Friday Fun Run/

July 13 - Chaplain's Coffee

July 13 - Reza Show and Dinner Ride- let us know if you want to go- we will group tickets . The show is at 2:00pm and then dinner at Mel's Diner. Please let Mike know by June  $30^{th}$ .

July 20 - Muffler Shootout @ Renegade

July 20 - Chapter Fundraiser BBQ - Volunteers will be need

July 23 - Chapter Business Meeting

July 27 - Jon's Dam Ride

July 27 – August 5 – MN, ND, MT, WY, Sturgis SD Ride

July 28 - New Member Orientation

#### 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 40 to 50 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.

The long rides have begun. Plan to join one or more of these incredible rides.



## **Ladies of Harley LOH Corner- Karen**

Spring has arrived! Travels and new adventures abound. New friends and new locations to be visited. Laughs and the love of wind therapy attract like-minded people. Let's ride, be safe, and watch out for those turtles!

This month for LOH, our calendar lists several activities. Hope to see you there. June 8. 10:00-Noon. HOG Room. **Bling your Thing.** Hosted by our very own bedazzled Valerie G. Bring your projects and let's light up the room. Always a fun and creative event.

June 20. 6:30-8:30P. **Dinner at Reed Springs Pizza in Nixa.** Enjoy good food and good company. Reed Springs Pizza just opened up a new location on Main Street in Nixa at the stoplights. Glad to see they are expanding, their pizza is fabulous.

June 28. 6:30-10P. HOG Room. **Potluck and Game Night.** Bring a dish to pass, any special libations, and let's get your game on. Even if you are not a gamer, I can assure you there will be many laughs and antics going on for your entertainment.

Collecting your favorite recipes to assemble into a book. Let's get your special comfort foods in print to be memorialized so others can enjoy your delightful recipes. Recipes are slowly coming in; don't miss out, get your recipes to me at karilyn99@gmail.com



#### **LOH Ride Corner- Michaell Wilcox**

Hey Everyone!

All I have to say is enjoy your summer and enjoy your ride! Ladies, as a reminder we had to reschedule the International Ladies Ride due to weather. It has been rescheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to have other chapters join us so I would like to see as many of our ladies there. This would be a great opportunity for us to show them what we are made of. Meet at 9:30am with KSU at 10:00am.

Let's bring in the miles so we can get our million miles.

Have a great summer and hope to see you all around and on a lot of rides!!

Any questions or suggestions are appreciated. Michaell michaellwilcox@icloud.com or 417-622-9017



## **Membership Corner- Cory and Nancy**

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

If you still need to turn in your forms and pay your \$20 membership fee, you can turn it in at the social gathering on June 13th, or hand it in to any officer at any event, ride or at Renegade H-D. Please remember a National Hog membership is required to join our local chapter.

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

National HOG Membership Anniversaries for June:

Greg Randall (15 years), Matthew Conde (15 years), Jeanne Randall (13 years), Dwayne Lovan (10 years), Sherry Davis (7 years), James Clark (5 years), Dwain Wilcox (5 years), Erika Huddleston(4 years), Chad Anderson (4years), David Overton (3 years), David Schoolcraft (3 years), Johnna Forbes (2 years), David DeWitt (2 years), Bonilou Rowe (2 years), Stacy Holiman (1 years), Chad Henderson (1 year).

Please join us in welcoming our new members and in celebrating the National HOG membership anniversaries of our friends. It has been exciting to watch the attendance at our social gatherings continue to grow. Higher attendance results in greater fun and fellowship.



## **Fundraising Coin Purse-Scott and Kim**

We are continuing to have a yearlong food drive to help feed kids at Cowden Elementary. So, please remember to bring those non-perishable food items to each social meeting....what's in it for you, you ask? You will receive an extra blue ticket for a bonus shot at the drawing (which have been amazing prizes so far) and hopefully your heart will feel happy in the process.

2024 has been amazing for fundraising, through our meals on Saturdays to the raffles. Through people in our Chapter, riders we've met at Renegade and word of mouth, we have raised over \$3000 to go towards Hogs for Kids.

As of today, we have 10 raffle tickets left for the Glock. These will be available to the first come at the Social on June 13<sup>th</sup>. We will draw the winning ticket at the end of the Social. You do not have to be present to win.

Later in the year we will be raffling off the t-shirt quilted blanket. We now have enough t-shirts to make a good size blanket. Thank you to those who have provided shirts, as your donation is greatly appreciated.

As we are approaching the 2025 National Hog Rally, we need to keep powering through and raising that dough, as this will bring a lot of attention to our Chapter and provide an amazing time for other HOG Chapters.

I am humbled by this process so far, as I see so many people willing to give what they can. Let's keep pressing on. Have a great summer riding and be safe out there.

## Merchandising

Due to price increases, 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.



### Chaplain's Meditations - Gregg and Jeanne

#### **HUMILITY, A CATALYST FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE**

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

(2 Chronicles 7:14 NIV)

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves..." Humility is an essential component of spiritual growth and momentum. Humility is an essential characteristic as a follower of Jesus Christ. Humility is what sets us apart. When we recognize our dependence on God, admit our limitations, and seek His will with humility, we set ourselves on a path of continuous progress in our relationship with Him and with those who are members of our HOG Chapter family. Humility is the gateway to the kind of character that God can trust with His wisdom. "God opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble." (James 4:6) Three thoughts about humility:

**Humility** helps us be more receptive to new ideas and experiences. When we recognize our own limitations and weaknesses, we become open to learning and growth. This openness allows us to explore different perspectives and deepen our understanding of spiritual truths. "Humble yourselves before the Lord and he will lift you up." (James 4:10)

**Humility** fosters a sense of gratitude and appreciation for the world around us. When we humbly acknowledge our dependence on God, we recognize His blessings in our lives. Gratitude leads to a positive mindset and a greater awareness of God's love and grace toward us and toward those who surround our lives. "We can never expect to grow in the likeness of our Lord unless we follow His example and give more time to communion with the Father. A revival of real praying would produce a spiritual revolution." (E M Bounds, Purpose in Prayer)

**Humility** allows us to admit our mistakes and limitations. "He who is too busy to pray will be too busy to live a holy life." (E M Bounds, Purpose in Prayer) When we are humble, we don't let pride get in the way of acknowledging when we've gone astray or need correction. This admission creates space for growth, transformation, and healing. "He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern." (Luke 12:21 (TLB)

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:3-5 NIV)

#### Praver

Father God, I recognize that there is no better plan on earth than Yours. May your will be done in this world and in my life, as it is in heaven. Lord Jesus, may your heart for

justice and unity be seen through me and those who proclaim Your name. Holy Spirit show me my role as Your Kingdom builder. Make Your priorities my priority. For Your will is perfect. Amen



### **Food Team Serving Platter- Antoinette**

Hey everyone! We are having a pizza party at our next social on June 13 @ 6:00pm. Mother HOG is serving us for our mileage award. Please bring sweets to compliment the pizza. Text me what you are bringing- 417-837-9770.



### Mid- America Rally News- Archie Buckner- Rally Coordinator

## Off We Go!!

The rally committee is moving forward. We still need a Sponsor Coordinator. However, the team is going to move ahead with planning. Many of us will be attending the Great Lakes HOG Rally with purpose. Each of us will be visiting with their counterpart in Chippewa Falls, WI with the purpose of learning from their experience. And then we will have our first planning meeting at the end of June. This will be a workshop meeting for the committee to start fleshing out all the ideas for our rally.

Take a minute and look at this position. Do you have the skills and experience to be the Sponsor Coordinator?

**Sponsor Coordinator** - Reaching out to businesses and organizations throughout our region to procure their support in sponsoring our rally. Utilizing phone calls, letters, as well as available face-to-face connections to secure financial and tangible support for our various needs to host a successful rally. Marketing, displays, events, and other obligations will require a supporting budget to be effective.

I encourage everyone to take a look and then a second look at this position. This will be a key position needed to host a successful rally. The whole committee, along with the rest of the chapter, will work together and support each other to get the job done. We'll brainstorm together, we will all have ideas for each other, we'll have regular meetings so that we can each be involved as well as get support. If you would like to excel in this role, let us know. You can contact Archie, Debbie, or Kim to sign up.

Archie Buckner - Rally Coordinator <a href="mailto:archie.buckner@gmail.com">archie.buckner@gmail.com</a>

# Visiting HOG Chapter Schedule – Dwain Wilcox

The plans for the Visiting Chapters Weekend are in place! The whole chapter is invited to participate in the activities the weekend of June 27 - 30. Two chapters have responded and are coming to ride our hills and curves and get to know us better. Here is the schedule for the weekend:

#### Thursday, June 27 – Arrival Day

All Chapter Sweet Treat Meet and Greet – 7:00 p.m. HOG Chapter Room

Join us for dessert and meet the visiting chapters. The Chapter is furnishing a plethora of sweet treats.

#### Friday, June 28 – All Day Ride Meet at Renegade Time TBD

Ride the Pig Trail, take 90 towards Washburn and around Monett. Ride about 3 – 4 hours out, have lunch and then return to Renegade HD

#### Friday, June 28 - Dinner at Billy Gail's - Ozark

Either Meet at Billy Gail's @ 6:00 p.m. or Renegade @ 5:00 p.m. to ride together You can either meet at Renegade at 5;00 p.m. / KSU at 5:30 and ride together to Billy Gail's or you can cage it there directly and meet at 6:00 p.m. We will have a room reserved for more social time together.

## **Saturday, June 29 - All Day Ride or LOH International Female Ride Day Ride** Two options today:

**Ride One** – going South again for another 6–8-hour ride / Times TBD **Ride Two** – Valerie is leading the International Female Ride Day Ride and going North – Meet at Renegade 9:30 a.m. / KSU 10:00 a.m.

## Saturday, June 29 – Smoked Pulled Pork Dinner HOG Chapter Room @ 6:00 p.m.

After a day of riding join The Chapter for smoked pulled pork and the trimmings. No need to bring anything, just come join the fun.

#### Saturday, June 29 - Bike Blessing

Gregg and Jeanne will be offering bike blessings on Saturday during the Pulled Pork Dinner

## Sunday, June 30 - / Bagnell Dam and Lake of the Ozarks Harley Davidson Checkin

Departure time TBD depends on our guests and when they need to head home. The plan is to ride to Lake of the Ozarks and visit Bagnell Dam and LOO HD for a check-in. Lunch at Wobbly Boots. Then the chapters can head home, and we will ride back together.

Come out and join in the fun and help us welcome our visitors.

Looking forward to seeing you!

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

