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Director's Corner- Michael

Greetings fellow Riders, Passengers, and Enthusiasts! We have made it to the end of the winter riding season, and we are ready, willing, and anxious to start a new Spring riding season. We have lots of events planned, so stay tuned to the weekly E-Blasts and all our chapter social media websites for the latest news. I think 2024 is going to be a banner year for our HOG chapter! And speaking of banners, be sure to check out the Million Mile Challenge banner hanging in our HOG room!

There has been some confusion over HOG points and Renegade dealership points. HOG points are awarded for participating in HOG activities and volunteering for HOG events. Renegade dealership points are awarded for volunteering for dealership activities. The Renegade points are converted to CASH in the dealership. HOG points are recorded in your orange Chapter Challenge books (and don't have any CASH value). To make things easier, we have come up with a system so that everyone knows what you are signing up for. If the signup sheet is WHITE, then the activity or event is a Chapter Event, and you will earn points for your Chapter Challenge Book. If the signup sheet is PINK, you will earn Renegade Dealership points for that activity. Debbie V. is our contact for all Renegade Dealership activities, and she will manage the pink sign-in sheets. The white HOG signup sheets will be managed by the respective department, i.e. LOH, Activities, Food Team, Road Captains, etc.

We also have a new convenient way to record your monthly mileage. You can now simply take a picture of your odometer and email the picture along with your name (and passenger name if putting in miles), HOG national number, and which bike (type and year) the odometer belongs to HOG@Renegade-HD.com. If you have multiple motorcycles, please send each bike mileage reading in a separate email. Your mileage will be updated during normal business hours and should show up in your RIDE 365 app within 3-5 days. This will save you time and will make it convenient to do a monthly mileage check-in. This email goes directly to Debbie V. at the dealership.

Please extend a heart-felt THANK YOU to all the officers in our chapter. They contribute countless hours of volunteer time to ensure that our HOG chapter will be the best that it can be. And thank each other for being a member of our riding community.

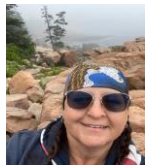


Assistant Director's Corner- Matt

Some of you may have noticed the new MILLION MILE RUN banner in the HOG room. This will give us a great visual to track our miles as we reach our million miles goal for 2024. We want this to be a fun activity for everyone so if you want to add a picture of your ride or destination, send it to mjconde@sbcglobal.net.

At this time, we have 24,610 miles according to mother HOG. Keep logging your miles with the dealership, hitting the monthly check ins.

The weather has been great, so continue to ride safe and have fun!



Secretary's Notebook- Valerie

Happy March everyone. The business meeting is held on the 4th Tuesday of every month. It is open to any who wishes to attend, although voting is restricted to officers only. You are encouraged to attend if you would like to have a better understanding of the operations of the chapter. If you are unable to attend but have any topics that you would like to address to the officers, please send them to me no later than the Tuesday BEFORE the meeting and I will add them to the agenda for discussion. Meeting minutes will be posted to the Chapter website the month following the meeting after they have been approved (i.e., January minutes will be posted in February). Scroll down to Newsletter and Minutes and you will find the last two months of minutes and newsletters.

ARK = Act of Random Kindness

Recently I had the most amazing experience that I can remember since the birth of my children. I was given a message through the friend of a friend who father is in the final stages of cancer. His daughter put a message out on social media requesting anyone that had a motorcycle to ride by their home and roll the throttles. Although he is bedridden and could not see the bikes going by, he could hear them. His daughter would video the bikes as they went by so that he could see them. We were asked to make it sooner rather than later. With that in mind, I reached out to our Director, Assistant Director, and Chaplains. I made a basic plan for a short ride and the Director put it out in an E blast to our Chapter members. Even though we have 189 members currently, this whole plan took place in 3 hours. We ended up with 10 people showing up and making the ride. Our Chapter came together on short notice and brought happiness and joy to a man facing the end of life. I don't know if he has ever been a HOG member, but I do know that he was a fellow biker and through this Act of Random Kindness, we were able to put him in touch with memories of his life of happy times with friends and family that he loves. The love and care that our Chapter showed to this family made me proud

to be a member of this Harley family! Thank you all for making a difference and answering the call. Let's keep looking for opportunities to show Acts of Random Kindness!



Treasurer's Purse- Ramona

Welcome to March! It has been a busy year so far with a lot of fun events and rides, but we have maintained our budget. We ended January with 3963.83 (after all expenses were cleared).

February expenses of \$2967.46 (primarily raffle gun purchase, ROC training, sound system for the HOG room) and deposits of \$2565.00 (raffle ticket sales and membership renewals), we end February with \$3561.37. Please reach out to me if you ever have any questions, rjconde@sbcglobal.net.

Ride often and ride safe!



Safety Corner- Dwain

Greetings brothers and sisters. Well, I think spring is finally knocking at the door. At least I hope so!! With that being said, let's not forget to check our bikes and trikes. Fluids, tire pressures, tread wear, lights, and of course our riding gear. Now is also a good time to look at your rain gear. Be alert to the weather and road conditions. Always remember to slow down when coming into the curves to avoid over projecting. Be mindful of all sizes of cages while riding as road rage is a nasty growing disease. Remember that we as riders are always on the losing end when we try to go head-to-head with cages. Keep plenty of distance and be mindful of all blind spots. As always, the critters are always out there roaming about, tame, and wild. Another thing to watch for is road debris. This can be already in the road or possibly anything falling off a truck bed or trailer. This experience happened recently to one of our own members. Luckily, this member was paying attention to their surroundings and was able to navigate through without losing control. This type of debris is very dangerous as it is still in motion as opposed to already being on the road. So, let's all ride safe and secure. Till next month, always trust the rubber...Dwain

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Road Captain's Seat- Brent

As March arrives and Spring blossoms, prepare your motorcycles for the road ahead! H.O.G. offers a range of exciting opportunities including Rallies, Touring Rallies, and enticing destination ride challenges such as 10 Rides for '24, 50 Rides, One Nation, and Dealership Check-In. Explore our chapter calendar teeming with riding prospects and vibrant events.

Chapter rides are now eligible for publication 24 hours in advance. These published rides contribute to the ten required chapter rides necessary to earn a chapter pin and rocker. It is time to kickstart your planning and maximize your participation in rides. We encourage you not only to ride but also to organize and lead rides yourself. Ride Leader forms are currently accessible at Renegade.

Let's embark on a journey to explore as many states as possible this year, all while striving towards our collective goal of reaching 1 million miles! Get ready to ignite your engines and hit the road with zeal and determination!

Tap Rack
Live to Ride, Ride to Live!



Activities Playground- Brian and Kathy Hartley

There was a brief shortage of 2024 Rider Challenge books, but more are available! Books are \$1.00 and are available at our Chapter Social Gatherings and New Member Orientation. Start earning your points for mileage check-ins, chapter rides, chapter events, and more. Any officers can sign your books for completed challenges.

January 2, - February 29th | Frosty Knuckles

The challenge has ended! I will award the trophies at the March Chapter Social, so please get your final odometer reading to Brian or Kathy by tomorrow March 2nd.

March 1 - April 30, 2024 | Spring Fever Riding Challenge

TIME SENSITIVE REGISTRATION DEADLINE!

Our goal of 1,000,000 miles is achievable, and here is another challenge to encourage more riding. You **MUST REGISTER** by MARCH 2, 2024, to participate in the challenge. Brian & Kathy will be at Renegade March 2 to get you registered. This is a two-part challenge. The person that has the most miles (part

1) and has pictures of cities that spell SPRING FEVER (part 2) will win. There will be 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophies for the men and 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place trophies for the Ladies. Send a text to Brian (314-814-4481) or Kathy (314-814-4511). Include your first and last name, picture of your odometer and which bike (if you are registering more than one). Or you can register on March 2 when you come to the chili cook off at Renegade tomorrow March 2nd.

March 2, 2024 | Saturday Scoot Meet @ 9:00 am, KSU @ 9:30 am

Scoot number 3 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.

March 2, 2024 | Chili Cook Off | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

This is a fund raiser for our HOGs for Kids events. Invite your friends and family to come by Renegade, sample some incredible Chili and donate \$5 to vote for their favorite. We will need some help setting it up and breaking down. Four spots are open to Renegade employees and since they need to be waiting on customers, we will need volunteers to help serve their chili.

March 9, 2024 | Coffee with the Chaplain | Architect Coffee | @ 9:00 am

Come have coffee with Greg & Jeanne our Chapter Chaplains. This is an ongoing event @ 9:00am 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.

March 14, 2024 | Chapter Social Gathering @ 6:00 pm, Fun Begins @ 6:30pm

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.

We will have Corned Beef (with cooking instructions) and Cabbage. We need at least 14 people to help prepare these for the March 16th event (details below).

Bring 3 cans of green beans and get an extra blue ticket and 20 points in the challenge book. This is for our HOGS for Kids Thanksgiving Baskets.

March 16, 2024 | St. Patrick's Day Event | Corned Beef & Cabbage | 11:00 am

As mentioned above we need 14 people to help cook the corned beef & cabbage. We will also need people to serve the food for lunch starting @ 11:00 am - until we are done, or we run out of food.

March 16, 2024 | Breakfast with the Officers | Billy Gail's in Ozark | @ 8:00 am

Come join your Chapter Officers for a very informal meet-and-eat the third Saturday of every month – rain or shine! 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. Of course, breakfast and/or coffee are on your own.

March 22-23, 2024 | Renegade's Spring Season Opener

Stop by Renegade both Friday and Saturday to celebrate with our Chapter Sponsors Renegade H-D. There will be a Food Truck and Music. Stay tuned to Renegade's Facebook page/website for more details.

March 24, 2024 | New Member Orientation @ 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.

March 26, 2024 | Business Meeting 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.

March 28, 2024 | "Women's Garage Night" Service Clinic | Renegade 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Women's Garage Night will begin @ 6:00 pm. There will be a fashion show and snacks. When you come, be sure to thank Nic and the incredible Renegade Staff for holding these clinics.

March 30, 2024 | HOGs for Kids Easter Egg Hunt | @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Several people have signed up for this event already. Thank you! We need help with Parking, Bounce Houses, Cooking & Serving Food, Egg Hunt team and more. If you are alive and breathing, and have a heart willing to serve, then we can certainly find a place for you.

A LOOK AHEAD...Snap Shot of April

Coming next month:

April 6 - Saturday Scoot

April 11 - Chapter Social Gathering

April 13 - Coffee with the Chaplains

April 17 - Bike Night at the VFW on Scenic

April 20 - Breakfast with the Officers

April 23 - Business Meeting

April 26-27 H-D Demo Truck. We will need Ride Leaders and Sweeps

April 27 - Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast

April 27 - Director Mike's Mystery Ride

April 28 - New Member Orientation & Safety Ride

A Wider View...

Be Thinking how you can participate...

HOGS for Kids - THANK YOU all so much for the outpouring thus far. 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.

There are several long rides planned this summer. Begin planning now to join one or more of these incredible rides.



Ladies of Harley LOH Corner- Karen

Howdy- boy oh boy, is this new Board giving us options! So much to pick from, so many directions to go, so many new friends to make and adventures to take. My oh my, will it ever end? Heck, no. Why should it? Let's take advantage of all that's offered and let's have some fun. That is the reason for being a member of this Chapter, for riding a motorcycle, for the draw of wind therapy. Thankfully, the mild weather of Missouri lets us ride year-round. Our goal this year is to hit the great Big M (one Million miles), will we do it? With so much offered, why not? It is a hefty goal, but I believe we can do it.

LOH Activities offered:

March 10 3:00 pm Bowling at Century Lakes, 855 W. Tracker Road, Nixa. Come, enjoy some exercise and fun as we cheer each other on and have some friendly competition on the lanes. Free shoe rental for our group. Afterwards, let's enjoy good food and re-live the capers of the afternoon. Dinner at SS Dockside, 1528 North Main Street, Nixa. Signup sheet will be at our next Social. Jerry P. will be leading a ride from Renegade Harley-Davidson to Century Lanes, meet at 1:30, KSU at 2:00.

March 12 11:00 am Brunch Bunch. Meet at the Renegade. We will be doing lunch and proceed to an adventure at the American Made General Store in Rogersville. We can carpool for those that wish.

March 23 1:00 pm Easter Egg filling at the HOG room. Help spread the cheer by filling the many, many Easter Eggs we will be giving out to children at our Easter event at the dealership. Boy, Renegade is really generous this year, more work for us, more fun for the kids. We have the eggs, we have the

candy, we just need busy hands to get the work done. Feel free to bring a snack to share, let's make a party out of this fun work so we can witness the smiles on all those kids' faces.

April 13 1-3 pm HOG room. Bring your projects and let's Bling your Thing. Back by popular demand, this event will be offered several times this year. Thank you, Valerie, for making us sparkle.

April 13 5:00 Potluck and Bonfire at the Ryan's house, Billings. Bring your favorite side dish or snack for around the fire, along with your most comfortable camp chair and favorite libations. Signup sheet will be at the next Social.

Bye for now, see you on the roads.

Karen



Membership Corner- Cory and Nancy

We will only have a membership table at Renegade H-D for special events to capture new members starting in March. We have 190 members on our rosters, yet we have only received 131 renewal or new member forms. Don't worry, you can still turn in your renewals at any of the chapter meetings and social gatherings. You may also renew by filling out the form and money with Debbie at the dealership. 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.

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 March: Rogers Kenneth (35 years), Blumberg Don (25 years), Gerstetter Vivian (24 years), Roe Diana (22 years), Luce John (21 years), Johnson Lyle (16 years), Ferguson Tom (13 years), Davidson Robert (9 years), Carman Daniel (8 years), Franklin Gary (5 years), Lucerne Gregory (5 years), Lovett Edward (4 years), Linson Jerry (4 years), Murphy Deborah (4 years), Murphy Darren (4 years), Howdeshell Clint (3 years), Crawford Jeff (2 years), Heitz Jason (2 years), Bloxham Edgar (2 years), Helt Kevin (2 years), Angeli Becky (2 years), Brister Ben (1 year), Hill Rocky (1 year), Redman Arbrey (1 year), Buckner Archie (1 year), Ladd Dustin (1 year), Ladd Jennifer (1 year), Sullivan-Redman Rhonda (1 year),



Fundraising Coin Purse- Scott and Kim

As a reminder, we are raising funds and having a yearlong food drive to help feed kids at Cowden Elementary. During the holiday season, when school is not in session, there are many children who lose that one or two meals they may get for the day. So, please remember to bring those canned foods 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 and hopefully your heart will feel happy in the process. So far, 2024 has been good for fundraising. We have managed to have a very successful raffle for the Glock G26 GEN5 9 mm. We had 100 tickets at \$20.00, and our net profit will go a long way feeding some families over the holidays. The winning ticket will be drawn at our social on March 14. No fear, you do not have to be present to win.

We are still collecting old, used, t-shirts, button downs, ladies' shirts, any that has a Harley theme, etc. for another exciting raffle coming your way. We will be raffling off a handmade Harley Davidson blanket later in the year. This should make a good present for some deserving person. Since all supplies will be donated, and made by one of our own members, the entirety of the proceeds will go to Hogs for Kids.

Looking ahead, many of our events planned by our wonderful event planners, will be in conjunction with Hogs for Kids, i.e. Chili Cookoff, St. Patrick's Day meal, cookoffs. During these events, we will have a donation box out with a "suggested donation."

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 and stomp out hunger in our schools, one family at a time.



Chaplain's Meditations - Gregg and Jeanne

The Promise of the Resurrection: An Eternal Spring

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven. The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest. Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

Psalm 85:11-13

Springtime! More riding opportunities! Spring reveals the glory of God's creation in ways that Winter, Summer, and Fall do not. If we look at springtime with biblical eyes, we see resurrection. During Spring, God brings new life to his creation. Trees get their leaves back, flowers bloom, birds hatch, and animals come out of hibernation. Martin Luther once said, "Our Lord has written the

promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.” The dawning of Spring is a truly marvelous thing to observe. Marvelous because it is stunningly beautiful. Marvelous because springtime teaches us an important theological truth. According to Psalm 19 and Romans 1, everything in creation teaches us something about the Creator. God ordained the seasons to reveal to us His overall plan for humanity.

Springtime shows us that God delights to make things new. Winter does not last forever. Every year, God reminds us through His creation that He can bring dead things to life. Springtime points us to the Resurrection, and the Resurrection is the promise of the Gospel.

The Gospel teaches us that we are born dead in our sins, but can be made alive spiritually by grace through faith in Jesus (Eph. 2:1-8). It teaches us that our new spiritual life will one day be accompanied by a new physical life.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, *“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.”*

Do you see the promise? *“We shall all be changed.”* Our bodies will be made new. Jesus *“will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body”* (Phil. 3:21). *“When Jesus appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is”* (1 Jn. 3:2).

After the Winter of this life, an eternal Spring will come for all who are hoping in Jesus Christ. Darkness will fade, light will shine. Death will die, life will never end. Pain will cease, pleasures forevermore will be ours (Ps. 16:11). Jesus’ resurrection was the inauguration of this great, cosmic Spring that will come (1 Cor. 15:20, 23). When he returns to the earth, he will return to make it new (Rev. 21:1-5). Those who love him will live in a new world with God. A world with no more sin or suffering. A world with no more sad things. This eternal Spring is a promise for those who *“confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord and believe in their hearts that God raised him from the dead”* (Rom. 10:9). The promise of the Resurrection is a new body and a new world for those who put their hope and trust in Jesus. Springtime shouts of the glory of this newness. Do you see it?

Prayer

Father God, thank you that all creation reveals your glory! As I ride this Spring, Holy Spirit cause me to come alive in Jesus Christ as I observe your creation around me. Allow me to take in the resurrection life that you have always intended for me. Remind me that life is not in the past, but is my future. Jesus, you make all things new! Amen.



Food Team Serving Platter- Antoinette

Hey everyone, I have the March Social gathering set up on Signup genius and the theme is Mardi Gras.

You can go to signupgenius.com, do a search of my email antoinettebevington@hotmail.com . This will bring you to the link to sign up. I will also be using this for any events the chapter or dealership has that needs volunteers to cook, set up/clean up, and/or serve. Please contact me if you have any questions.

For Your Reading Pleasure – Brian Hartley

Summer and the Gang

The week after my two-hour lunch with Brent I went on my longest solo ride. I have friends in St. Louis, so I rode to St Louis. From there, I rode to Cincinnati. It was not a straight shot though, thanks to Brent. I left Indianapolis to go to Mentone, Indiana for the 50 Rides. I made it to Cincinnati after twelve and a half hours and 636 miles of wind therapy.

The next morning, I left the hotel early and rode three hours east to get Ohio's 50 Rides location the Triple Nickel. I took the picture and Face Timed my brother to share my adventure with him. I made a dealership check-in or two on my way back to the hotel in Cincinnati.

I rested for about an hour before heading to Great American Ballpark to see the St Louis Cardinals play the Cincinnati Reds. Unexpected surprise was the motorcycle parking for the game. After parking I walked out of the "garage" made a couple of right hand turns and quickly figured out that I was parked under the right field stands. Parking was only \$20 and my ticket was \$80 (right behind home plate). The Cardinals lost by one run in the 10th inning but it was a great game and a great ballpark.

The next morning, I rode back to St. Louis. I made several stops to get dealership check-ins. Fun Fact: I learned that my skin burns more easily now since the heart attack (due to medications). By the time I made it back to St. Louis, I was as red as a cooked lobster.

My total milage for the trip was just over 2000 miles. I was extremely burnt, but I was all smiles. End of May and I now have the 50 Rides for three state, one 10 for '23 and 14 dealership check-in stops.

Summer officially starts in June. I had a work-related convention in Orlando that kept me away from my bike. After I returned from Florida, I went to the Mid-America HOG Rally with the gang. I had a great time. I was able to get to know

more of the chapter members. It was fun to ride some of the roads and routes I used to ride when I lived in St. Louis. It was different this time because I was part of a group.

Since July 4th was on a Tuesday, I took Monday the 3rd off. I left early and rode to the Oklahoma coin stop. I was headed from Oklahoma toward Ft. Smith when it went from sunshine to thunderstorm within a mile. I looked at the radar and sure enough there was nothing and suddenly there was a red cell of rain right over me. Forty-five minutes later I was back on the road. Very wet, but on the road. The storm hit so quick I was soaking wet before I could get my rain gear out, much less put on.

Next up, ride the Pigs Trail, Arkansas 23 and get my picture at the sign. This would complete the Arkansas 50 Rides. By the end of the day, I have completed the H-D App challenge for July and received the digital coin in addition to the two coin stops for OK & AR.

Three more months, more dealership check-ins, more challenges completed and more 50 Rides checked off.

Up next, August.

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

