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Renegade/ Frontier Leadership Team

As many of you know, we recently celebrated accomplishing Bar & Shield Silver Award for 2023 at both Frontier and Renegade Harley-Davidson. We also received Premier Service Award of Gold Level at Frontier and Silver at Renegade. These are the two major annual recognition programs Harley-Davidson has for its dealers. We are incredibly proud of our teams' efforts and commitment to being best-in-class in all that we do to care for our riders.

To accomplish these goals requires way more than just selling a bunch of motorcycles. It requires firing on all cylinders in the dealership and one major component is Customer Experience Ratings. As the core of our riding community, we want you to know how much we appreciate your business, your support and most importantly the fact that you share your experiences with H-DMC and others. Simply put, we couldn't do it without you. So, thank you for wearing our patch proudly.

Local HOG Chapters all take on a life of their own and you all have created groups that we all can be proud of. You are examples of the best way to do it. Your efforts have a meaningful impact on the lives of people in our communities and support riders in our area. We feel blessed to play our part in all of that.

Thank you from each of us for all you do and thanks for riding the best motorcycles in the world. We've got a very exciting riding season planned and look forward to another great year ahead.

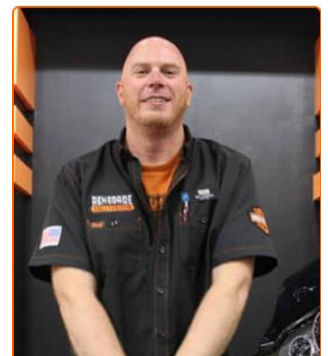
Let's Ride!



Rich



Chad



Nic



Director's Corner- Michael

Hello fellow HOG family members! It looks like April was a great warm-up month for our chapter. We had several great rides and events take place, and now the real excitement and fun begins. There are several long-haul rides coming up, and lots of shorter riding opportunities to suit any rider's style and ability. The month of May should provide a plethora of riding days and very enjoyable weather to get out on those two (or three) wheels with friends and HOG family.

I hope that you find the weekly E-blast and this monthly newsletter informative and useful. If there is anything else we can do to open up other lines of communication let us know. We are always open to suggestions from our members.

Mike



Assistant Director's Corner- Matt

HAPPY MAY!

As of the Morning of April 30th, we have ridden 131,284 miles as a Chapter which ranks us as 8th in the nation and number 1 in our market region. We need to Ride On as we ride to reach our Million Mile Challenge this year. We are to make Great Progress to 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.

Starting the May Social, we will recognize monthly birthdays with a cake and photo. Only that some of us have a birthday, not the bigger numbers we have achieved. 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 and hitting the monthly check ins. The weather has continued to be great, so continue to Ride Safe and Having Fun!



Secretary's Notebook- Valerie

We are extremely fortunate to have a dealership and HOG chapter that has voted to maintain our Ladies of Harley group since the decision was made by Mother HOG to do away with the Ladies of Harley as an organization. Despite my personal feelings about this choice (it is not a positive one), we are committed to supporting our Ladies of Harley. We have an LOH Activities officer as well as an LOH Ride Officer. We want to encourage and promote our ladies to ride (whether it is on their own bike or two up behind their partner) and enjoy the culture of motorcycle riding. It is all about the RIDE! This includes our ladies who do NOT ride. This is just a reminder that if you do NOT ride, you can "cage" behind the motorcycles during a ride to get your ten rides for the Chapter. You must ride the entire route to get credit for the ride. No miles are accumulated; however, you get the credit for the ride. For those ladies that DO ride...we want to hear from you! We want your ride ideas, activity ideas that you would like to try, and most of all...we want your participation! Hope to see a bunch of ladies for the International Ladies Ride Day ride on Saturday, May 4, 2024. We are meeting at Renegade at 10:30 a.m. with KSU at 11 a.m. We are riding to the beautiful Bennett Springs State Park to have lunch at the rustic Dining Lodge built in the 1930's. Then we will take a terrific ride back to Renegade! I hope to see you there! Planning a ride is not as scary as it seems, so jump on in! Our Head Road Captain, Brent Emerson, will be happy to give you some helpful tips and tools! Let's RIDE LADIES!!!!



Treasurer's Purse- Ramona

Welcome to May

As some activities wind down, more riding in this beautiful weather will ramp up. April expenses were low at \$184.78 leaving a month end balance of \$4228.11. Jeanne has ordered some more patches so that will be a larger expense this month.

Please reach out to me if you ever have any questions, riconde@sbcglobal.net. Ride often, ride safe and have fun!



Safety Corner- Dwain

Greeting brothers & sisters. Well, looks like spring is at the back door and summer is getting ready to come in the front. We have a lot of cross-country rides coming up till this fall. Hope everyone takes the opportunity to jump on board with one or more of them. Always be thinking of necessities to pack. Rechargeable flashlight, jump start charger, first aid kit, rain gear, rechargeable air pump, Ziploc baggies, zip ties, assortment of tools, couple of trash bags, and of course plenty of dry clothes. There are two more very important things to pack as well. 1) A couple bottles of water or enhanced water (Gatorade, etc.) and 2) Sunscreen. Water is very important as we all know to keep us hydrated. A couple of late warning signs for being dehydrated is your urine will be a dark yellow in color and another is if you're out in the heat and you are getting cold chills. Sunscreen is also very important as, so we don't get sunburned. A good-looking tan is one thing, but when you get a sunburn on top of it then that's no fun. If you do get a sunburn the best thing to do is take a very hot shower, the hottest that you can stand, the heat from the water will set the burn. You will still have the sunburn, but it won't feel nearly as painful. Do NOT rub oils or lotion on the burn. It's like a frozen tator tot, it's already cooked but when you put it into the fryer it just burns it more. Remember, you only have three layers of skin and burns are 1st degree (redness in color), 2nd degree (severe redness with blisters), and 3rd degree (black charcoaled). Our skin is a living organ for our bodies, so let's save our skin. Enjoy all the trips along with all the other rides and events this summer but be safe about it. What a great country for riding that we have. Till next month, trust the rubber.

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Road Captain's Seat- Brent

LET'S RIDE!!!

TapRack



Activities Playground- Brian and Kathy Hartley

Spring is in the air which means riding season has begun! To give everyone more time to ride you will notice that there are not as many Chapter “activities” planned for the coming months. We will be focusing more on setting up rides and taking you to exciting places. Don’t worry, there are still plenty of events happening at the Dealership so we can visit with our fellow members.

Spring Fever Riding Challenge

The challenge has ended! Mileage and photos (between March 1 & April 30) need to be turned in no later than Monday, May 6th. 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 registered more than one). Also include photos of the cities. The top 3 Men & Women will be announced at the May Social Gathering.

May 1, 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.

May 4, 2024 | Saturday Scoot Meet @ 9:00 am, KSU @ 9:30 am

Scoot number 5 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.

May 4, 2024 | Dirty Dozen Bike Show | 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Registration is from 11:00 – 12:00. Bike show is from 12:00 – 2:00 so come out and vote for your favorite. Awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m.

May 5, 2024 | Cinco de Mayo Ride & Dinner | Renegade @ 2:00 p.m. KSU @ 2:30 p.m.

There is room for more.

Meet at Renegade at 2:00 p.m. KSU 2:30 p.m. We will be at Mama Loco's by 5. Mama Loco's is opening for our group because they are typically closed on Sunday. We have chosen the taco bar, and the cost is \$15 per person. The ride is about 90 miles and will take about 2 hours. We will be going north to the southern point of Stockton Lake. If you are planning to attend or meeting at the restaurant, please text Kathy 314-814-4511 if you haven't been counted and want to ride or dine with us.

May 9, 2024 | Chapter Social Gathering @ 6:00 pm, Fun Begins @ 6:30pm

“Bring Your Favorite Dish” 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 brownie mixes and get an extra blue ticket and 20 points in the challenge book. This is for our HOGS for Kids Thanksgiving Baskets.

May 10, 2024 | Friday Fun Run | Renegade @ 5:00 p.m. KSU @ 5:30 p.m.

This is the first Fun Run of the summer. Come ride with Renegade to a local restaurant and enjoy some appetizers.

May 10 - 18, 2024 | Test Ride Days|

Test ride a motorcycle and get a free gift.

May 11, 2024 | Coffee with the Chaplain | Architect Coffee | CANCELED.

This event is canceled. The next one will be June 8th.

May 11, 2024 | Ozarks Rides Rally | Renegade @ 8:00 a.m. KSU @ 8:30 a.m.

Brent will be leading a ride to attend the 4th Annual Ozarks Rides Rally at Lake Ozarks Harley-Davidson in Osage Beach. Guided and Unguided tours available. A Vendor Village, Live Entertainment, Food and Drinks will be on site. No registration is required. Check out Ozark Ride Rally Facebook page for details:

<https://www.facebook.com/LakeBikefest/>

May 11, 2024 | Convoy of Hope Benefit Ride | Renegade @ 9:00 a.m. KSU @ 10:45 a.m.

Sponsored by Renegade H-D and Honor Bound Motorcycle Ministry

NOTE: This is not a Chapter Ride - Join in to support a great organization!

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Mandatory Pre-Ride Brief at 10:30 a.m. KSU 10:45 a.m. On-site registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Riders: \$25, Passengers: \$5. Lunch will be included for the first 50 registrants. 100% of registration to benefit Convoy of Hope. 60-mile ride begins and ends at Renegade H-D.

May 15, 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.

May 17, 2024 | Evening Stunt Show | Renegade 6:00 p.m.

Evening Stunt Show from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. One Wheel Revolution will perform at 7:00 p.m. Chop Shop & All that Music DJ

May 18, 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. Breakfast and/or coffee are on your own.

May 18, 2024 | Stunt Show and HOG Roast Party | Renegade | Starts at 11:00 am

Come to Renegade from 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. One Wheel Revolution stunt show perform at 11:00 and 2:00 & All that Music DJ will be in the house. And Polka Dot Pig will be roasting a whole hog and serving pulled pork with all the fixins!!

May 19, 2024 | Ride Like a Pro | Renegade

Check with Renegade for more details.

May 25, 2024 | Memorial Ride | CANCELED.

This memorial ride has been canceled.

May 25 - 26, 2024 | Rolling Motobot Ride | Casey's in Cassville | @ 8:00 a.m. KSU @8:30 a.m.

Dwain is leading this overnight ride. It is a two-day backroads ride to Stillwater, OK. to check out Optimus Prime and Bumble Bee statues.

Day 1 – Meet at Casey's in Cassville 8:00 a.m. KSU 8:30 a.m. Travel appx. 255 miles (5 hours not counting stops) Dinner hopefully at Eskimo Joe's. Dwain is staying at the Wyndham Garden Inn in Stillwater on the night of the 25th. (600 E McElroy Rd, Stillwater, OK)

Day 2 – Meet at the Hotel 8:00 a.m. KSU 8:30 a.m. Joplin will be the release point of the ride. Lunch both days planned near Grove, OK.

May 26, 2024 | New Member Orientation | CANCELED

This orientation has been canceled. The next New Member Orientation will be on June 23.

May 28, 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.

May 29, 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.

LONG RIDES:

May 10-19, 2024 | Meet me in Myrtle Beach Rally Ride |

Check out the Chapter Website or FaceBook page for details or contact Mike Vennekotter.

May 25 - June 2, 2024 | AZ CO UT Coin Stop Ride |

Check out the Chapter Website or FaceBook page for details or contact Matt or Ramona Conde

A LOOK AHEAD...Snap Shot of June

Coming next month:

June 1 - Saturday Scoot

June 1 - Undercliff Bar & Grill Ride

June 8 - Chaplin Coffee

June 12 - Bike Night

June 13 - Chapter Social Gathering

June 14 - Friday Fun Run

June 14-16 - Northeast Missouri Mural Ride

June 15 - Breakfast with the officers

June 15 - Custom Motorcycle Showcase

June 18 - Mid-America Rally - Ride into Renegade

June 22 - Summer Bash

June 22 - Dwain's Ride to Pig Trail

June 22 - Ozark Mountain Rumble Rally Ride

June 23 - New Member Orientation

June 25 - Business Meeting

June 26 - Bike Night

June 27-30 - Hosting some visiting HOG Chapters

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

Hi-di-ho Neighbor (yep, too much TV this winter!) As we get into the full swing of our riding and Renegade's busy events season, I would like to invite our members to get involved; help me plan activities that YOU would enjoy attending. We now have a LOH Ride Activities board position held by Michael Wilcox which is a real plus for the riding members, but for those members who want to enhance their riding with more socialization, I would love your ideas. Previously, we had planned picnics, movies, bowling, dinners, painting, and bling events. Many, many more events are being discussed and planned. So, if you have any ideas, please let me know. You may contact me at any time at 414-339-6010 or karilyn99@gmail.com. Thank you, Karen.

May 21. 6:30 pm. **Archery with Shelia**. Outside Hog Room. Shelia has all the equipment and will give training for anyone interested in learning or practicing shooting an arrow.

May 31. 6:30 pm. **Bonfire at Ryan's**. Since we all enjoyed the potluck, but didn't get to experience the bonfire, we are rescheduling the bonfire. Bring your snacks, libations, and a chair.

Stay tuned for more info on:

Picnic on Route 66

Game and Movie Dates

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– Michael Wilcox

Spring is here!! Now is the time to ride. We have had 2 LOH rides and they were great. Now we need more. May 4th is International Female Ride Day. We will have a ride that day. Meet at 10:30am with KSU at 11:00am. Valerie will be leading a wonderful ride for the day. I would like to see as many lady riders as possible on this ride. Let's ride and have a great time. I have discussed the Sunday shuffles with others and have decided to make them once a month. Giving everyone time to enjoy other rides. I am still in need of more ride leaders and sweeps so that it is not always the same people doing it.

Please ladies get some rides together and ready to go. The rides can be a few hours, all day, or overnight. Whatever you are comfortable with. So, let's put some rides on the calendar and some miles on our wheels and have a blast. I look forward to all your thoughts and ideas.

Michael

Call or text 417-622-9017 or email me: michaellwilcox@icloud.com



Membership Corner- Cory 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.

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 April: Ray Besemer (3 years), Rick Bowser (33 years), Lora Cervellere (24 years), Brandon Flack (2 years), Antoinette Heitz (2 years), Bonnie Herndon (1 year), Mark Jensen (23 years), Dave Kelley (19 years), Chad Kelley (19 years), Cindy Kullman (15 years), Arleigh Lilly (1 year), Brent Linder (20 years), Diane Marquette (1 year), Karen Ryan (13 years), Brad Sanders (2 years), John Tomlinson (1 year).

Please join me in welcoming our new members. Remember the more we grow the more fun we will have.



Fundraising Coin Purse- Scott and Kim

Gun Raffle is in full swing! Encourage anyone you know that likes guns to buy a ticket or several!

As always, thank you to all our Chapter members willing to step up and help with these efforts. Peace out, until next time.

Merchandising- Jeanne Randall

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.

Jeanne Randall, Merchandise



Chaplain's Meditations - Gregg and Jeanne

Transformed Honor

"We all, with unveiled faces are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 3:18

There are two very important days that we recognize during the month of May: Mothers Day and Memorial Day.



Mom Randall (L) Mom Aicher (R)

When considering Mother's Day, this verse can be seen in the light of a mother's transformative influence over her children. Mothers guide, nurture, and shape their children's lives, much like the spiritual transformation spoken of in this verse. The selfless love and care that mothers provide can be seen as a reflection of God's love, helping children grow and transform into their best selves. Therefore, let's celebrate our mothers! My mom passed into eternity long ago. But she instilled in me a determination to become whatever I wanted to become in life. Jeanne's mom has also passed into eternity. She instilled in Jeanne great fortitude and faith. Both moms are honored and loved by us dearly.

In the context of Memorial Day, the transformation spoken of in the verse can be seen as a metaphor for the sacrifices made by our military personnel. They underwent a transformation, not in the spiritual sense, but in the sense of dedicating and giving their lives for the values and principles that we as a nation hold dear, much like the transformation Christians undergo to become more like Christ.



Arlington National Cemetery

This verse speaks of "*beholding the glory of the Lord*," which can be related as a time to reflect on the values of love, sacrifice, and honor exhibited by our mothers and those who served and gave their lives defending all that we Americans enjoy today.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the legacy of those who have taken the time to invest godly values and principles into our lives. Holy Spirit help us to be sensitive to those around us who need that extra word of encouragement or shoulder to lean upon.

Transform us into your image and likeness in the name of Jesus.

Amen.



Food Team Serving Platter- Antoinette

Hello everyone. Don't forget about our social on Thursday, May 9 @ 6pm. This month's food theme is Bring your Favorite Food. It could be an entrée, side dish or dessert.



Mid- America Rally News- Archie Buckner- Rally Coordinator

Please Stand By

We are all excited to get rolling on the rally for 2025. Since the article last month, we have filled two seats. The Marketing Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator have been filled. Brian Hatley has taken on the Marketing Coordinator position and Brian Black from Waynesville has stepped up to fill the role of Volunteer Coordinator.

Brian is a lifetime member of HOG and was a member of Ozark Mountain Lebanon back in the day. He brings with him some great experience that I can't wait to tap into. Brian has helped with at least 4 HOG rallies, two of those times as Rally Coordinator. Mike, Debbie, Nic, and I got to sit down with him a few weeks ago and discuss the rally and the volunteer coordinator position. I have to say that his enthusiasm was electric. He has some great ideas and has plans that he is ready to roll out.

With these two stepping in, we only have 1 position left to fill. This position is the Sponsor Coordinator. We really cannot begin planning until we have filled this position. As soon as the positions are taken, your committee will begin working on the rally.

Take a minute and look at these positions. Do you have the skills and experience to fill one of these spots?

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 step into one of these roles, let us know. You can contact Archie, Debbie, or Kim to sign up.

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For Your Reading Pleasure –Brian Hartley

Part 5 Motorcycle Story- Brian Hartley

A September to Remember

September 1st was the beginning of the Carhenge Ride. When we arrived at Frontier HD in Lincoln, Nebraska I should have completed the monthly challenge, but the HD App didn't count all the dealership check-ins. We had dinner with our sister chapter, then prepared for the ride to Alliance, Nebraska.

Frontier Chapter took the lead as we headed to experience Carhenge. We stopped and got some cool pictures with a bunch of windmills. At one point one of the Frontier chapter members broke off with a couple of us to stop and get the 50 Rides stop for Nebraska. We caught back up and finished our ride to Carhenge. Now I have my second 10 for '23. Before stopping at the hotel, we went to Chimney Rock and Scotts Bluff. Amazing to suddenly see rock when there are so many fields of corn and other produce.

Days 3 and 4 took us south into Colorado and then east to Kansas. We made a stop at a motorcycle museum. Mushroom Rock was also interesting. We stopped in Oakley, Kansas to see Buffalo Bill and some kissed the buffalo, the world's largest easel and Kasandra's big surprise, the world's largest Czech egg.

You may remember I was in New York prior to this trip. While I was in New York, Kathy called me and told me I should consider a cooling vest. She went into Renegade, found one in my size, and bought it for me. This was an absolute blessing. I learned something on this ride much like my ride in May. In May I learned I burn more than I used to due to some of the medication I take for my heart. I learned on this trip that my heart doesn't like the heat. My heart rate was over 130 bpm on day 2 while sitting in the heat. Day 3 I used the cooling vest, and it kept my heart rate in check. Thank you, Kathy, for the cooling Vest.

I get back from the Carhenge trip, unpack my bag and repack. Early the next morning I leave for Nashville for a vendor demo where some of our clients will be. I went to the demo Tuesday afternoon and then again Wednesday morning then rode home. On my way home I stopped, took a picture of my odometer, and sent it to Kathy. She took it to Renegade and turned in my mileage. She called me back and let me know I had gone over the 10,000-mile mark. GOAL ACHIEVED! September 6th is not the first week of October.

I get home, unpack, and repack my bag. After work Thursday, I went to my brother's, parked my dirty motorcycle in his garage and went to Bentonville for our next trip. Friday morning, we flew to Washington DC.

We spent some time at the WWII Memorial. Moved with gratitude and thankful for my father-in-law who served in WWII under Patton. One of the coolest fun things, we went to the International Spy Museum. Highly recommend this museum if you are ever in the area. We went to the Museum of the Bible and the Air and Space Museum.

September 11th is my brother's birthday. We left DC that morning and went to Baltimore. Our hotel was right across the street from the ballpark. We had some great

seafood for lunch and then we went to the ballpark to see the Cardinals play the Orioles. Yep, you guessed it, we lost again.

Between August 23rd and September 13th. I walked 62 miles, rode my motorcycle 2700 miles, traveled over 5400 miles by plane, over 100 by train or subway, and over 450 miles by automobile. I think the first two weeks of September was great. I joined Matt Conde's ride to Arkansas for the Bikes, Blues, & BBQ. We rode to Eureka Springs HD then down Arkansas 23 to ride the Pigs Trail, check in at Pigs Trail HD then to the convention center for the final check-in. Great ride and a lot of fun. I finished the month on Saturday, September 30th with a ride to St Charles HD. Spent some time with friend and returned home. I finished September with over 4100 miles for the month, and 21 dealership check-ins. That is a September to remember!

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

