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# January 2025



## Dealership Update

Happy 2025! Often, you'll hear of new year resolutions, sweeping changes, shiny new goals and other trendy thoughts at the beginning of a new year. While I won't bore you with my opinion of these, I will take a moment to share what you can expect as we navigate into 2025: Much of the same that brought us success in 2024 and hopefully avoiding any mistakes that we've already made once before. Here at the dealership, we finished the year without a ton of fanfare, and that's a welcome mindset after a year of awards, industry challenges, surprises, change and excitement.

So instead, I'd like to march forward into 2025 but not without sharing the one thing that makes me happiest related to work. Our team. Often when I'm out and about I end up talking about work. Sometimes I bring it up and other times someone else does. The best part though is that more times than not, the conversation ends with "You have such a great team at the dealership." I heard that again just today while at the end point of a H.O.G. Ride. Each time I hear that I think the same thought, "How cool is it that this team accepted me into their culture and that I get to be part of this?" Thank you to all on our team at the dealership for another great year, for consistently supporting our community riders and for standing tall above the competition. Here's to a year of continued success, wild fun and giving more than just a product to those that walk through our doors.

See you on the ride!



## Director's Corner- Michael

Welcome to 2025! Another year is in the books, and we are now ready to celebrate new milestones in our chapter. We have several new officers – welcome Johnna Forbes (LOH), Heather Burns (Webmaster), Mike Folkert (Safety), and Chrissy Lowther (Fund Raising). Our new 2025 calendars are available and packed full of activities every month. We will continue to plan lots of rides throughout the year. And don't forget we have the 2025 Mid-America Rally early in June. Archie will be looking for volunteers to help put on the best possible HOG rally to accommodate the 1,000+ National HOG members who will be attending from all over the USA. I will be putting together an exciting multi-chapter HOG event involving all 6 of the Teddy Morse H-D dealerships for the annual Sturgis Bike Week in August – stay tuned for more details. I also want to

continue our quest for the 1,000,000 mile challenge. I truly believe that if every member participated in this chapter challenge, we would easily exceed the goal. You really only have to have 2 mileage readings – one in January and one in December. If all 190+ members took the time to engage in getting their odometers read, we will have more than enough miles to meet this goal. Our new 2025 Chapter Challenge Book has been completely redesigned with several new activities and destinations to visit. I am excited to see what 2025 will bring for our chapter, and I hope that everyone feels connected to – and valued by – our membership. If there is something we as officers can do to add value to your membership, please let us know. We are always open to ideas to make this chapter (and “our” dealership) the best that it can be.



### Assistant Director's Corner- Matt

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are doing well. The weather this time of year is iffy but let's all get out and ride.

In 2024, we completed 157 Chapter rides and a total of 768,397 as of 12/29. This makes us 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation and number 4 in the West Central region. Our national rider average is 6,800 miles. We are doing exceptionally well for an under 200-member chapter.

We will again recognize monthly birthdays at the January social on Jan 9. Please remember to send me ([mjconde@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mjconde@sbcglobal.net)) or Ramona ([rjconde@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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. Ride Safe and Have Fun!

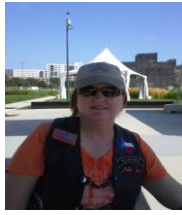
Ride Safe and Have Fun!



### Secretary's Notebook- Valerie

Looking Forward

Happy New Year HOG Family! I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy at the New Year and that each of you had a Happy Holiday Season! 2025 is set to be an amazing year with a lot of new things starting and the continuation of some traditional events and rides. We have monthly LOH activities and rides, the Mid-America Rally, numerous amazing events with the dealership, and LOTS of rides! If you haven't received one already, stop by the dealership and grab the 2025 Calendar and keep checking out the chapter website and social media!



## Treasurer's Purse- Ramona

### HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas!

We made it through a successful (from what I've heard 😊) Christmas party and ended the year with \$1,833.85 in the bank. We will have a few year end and beginning of year expenses yet to be finalized.

Please reach out to me if have any questions, [rjconde@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjconde@sbcglobal.net).  
Ride when you can, bundle up, ride safe and have fun!



## Safety Corner- Mike F

### Welcome 2025!

My name is Mike Folkert, I am the new Safety Officer for our HOG Chapter. I am also an MSF/MMSP RiderCoach at OTC here in Springfield. I am looking forward to this opportunity to serve.

January is generally a pretty slow riding month, for those of you that do plan on riding during these next two cold months please remember to make sure you dress appropriately for this time of year. Keep an eye on local weather forecasts as temperatures can drop quickly. While the air temperature may not feel overly cold at times, combine that with the wind chill from riding and this could pose some significant risks.

These risks include possible ice, new cracks/potholes in the roadway, frostbite, and hypothermia. Another risk I am not sure many people think about is when our bodies get cold it prioritizes keeping our core warm and restricts blood flow to our extremities. As our hands and feet get really cold, we lose dexterity in them. This can severely affect our ability to work the motorcycles controls.

Dress in layers and/or use heated gear. With both, use a moisture wicking base layer. This base layer will help the body stay dry if the body gets too warm and begins to sweat.

Safe riding!



## Road Captain's Seat- Brent

Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

Ride,Ride,Ride!

Tap-Rack



## Activities Playground- Brian and Kathy Hartley

### January 2025 Activities

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

This year our newsletter will only list Ride & Events from Social Gathering to Social Gathering. Be sure to pay close attention to the Weekly E-Blast from our Director Mike and any possible Special E-Blasts that may be necessary.

**2024 Orange Riding Challenge Books - Can be turned in to Brent E., Brian, or Kathy or at the Social Gathering. - NO BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JANUARY 9 SOCIAL GATHERING**

**2025 Orange Riding Challenge Books** will be available for purchase at the February Social Gathering. In an effort to encourage more participation and to help you be a part of our Chapter hitting the One Million Mile goal, we have made some changes. There is already some excitement about the release of this book. We will highlight some of the changes at the February Social Gathering, so plan on attending and bringing your \$1.00.

### **January 1 - February 28, 2025 | FROSTY KNUCKLES RIDING CHALLENGE | It's Back**

We want to get you out riding to help our chapter reach the Million Mile goal. The second annual Frosty Knuckles Challenge officially starts **TODAY JANUARY 1st**. This is a mileage challenge only. Text or show a picture of your odometer reading to Brian (314-814-4481) to log your starting mileage. The challenge runs through February 28th. Trophies will be awarded to the top three Men and top three Ladies, each receiving trophies. Let's Ride!!

**January 4, 2025 | Saturday Scoot | Renegade 9:00 a.m., KSU 9:30 a.m.**

Scoot number 1 of Renegade's 12 Saturday Scoots for the year. Meet at Teddy Morse's Renegade H-D's lower lot at 9:00 a.m., KSU at 9:30 a.m. As always, donuts and coffee are provided.

**January 4, 2025 - March 29, 2025 | Membership Table | Renegade H-D | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Be sure to stop by and renew your membership for \$20 each. Also, we will need people to help at the table. Be sure to check with Corey and Nancy to sign up.

**January 9, 2025 | Chapter Social Gathering at 6:00 p.m. Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. | H.O.G. Chapter Room**

The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 we will begin a short update of the Chapter happenings and then we will have some fun with drawings for prizes. There will be a birthday cake to celebrate the January Birthdays.

We will take the annual Ozark Mountain H.O.G. Chapter Picture as well as the 2025 Officers.

**January 11, 2025 | Coffee with the Chaplains | Architect Coffee | 9:00 a.m.**

Enjoy coffee with our Chaplains, Gregg and Jeannie. This is a monthly event happening the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Ride or Cage to Architect Coffee 1604 E. Republic Rd., Springfield, MO 65804.

**January 11, 2025 | Service Clinic at Renegade | 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Watch their social media for further details.

**January 19, 2025 | LOH Art Zone | Art Zone | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Ladies come to Art Zone 840 Guin Rd., Nixa, MO from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Paint your own pottery. The cost is determined by how much you want to spend (\$12-\$20 or more). There is no table fee. Let Johnna Forbes know if you will be attending by January 17, 2025. Meet @ Teddy Morse's Renegade H-D @ 1:00 p.m. KSU @ 1:30 p.m. to Ride or drive your cage.

**January 23, 2025 | Road Captain & Ride Leaders Meeting | H.O.G. Chapter Room | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

Brent is having a meeting for all Road Captains and Ride Leaders. See Brent for more information.

**January 26, 2025 | New Member Orientation | H.O.G. Room 1:00 p.m. – Orientation Ride 2:45 p.m., 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.**

Bring a sack lunch if you want and join this introduction into the Chapter and how we ride as a group. This is a great way to meet new people and get a foundation for what our Chapter is about. All members are welcome to attend. Weather permitting there will be a ride to get you oriented to our Chapters riding style.

Ride Brief at 2:45 p.m., KSU 3:00 p.m. The ride will take about an hour and a half. This is led by Brent E. 573-855-3959.

**January 28, 2025 | H.O.G. Chapter Business Meeting | HOG Chapter Room at 6:30 p.m.**

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](mailto:Ozarkmtnhog2606@gmail.com).

**February 1, 2025 | Saturday Scoot | Renegade 9:00 a.m., KSU 9:30 a.m.**

Scoot number 2 of Renegade's 12 Saturday Scoots for the year. Meet at Teddy Morse's Renegade H-D's lower lot at 9:00 a.m., KSU at 9:30 a.m. As always, donuts and coffee are provided.

**February 8, 2025 | Coffee with the Chaplains | Architect Coffee | 9:00 a.m.**

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**February 8, 2025 | Service Clinic at Renegade | 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

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**February 8, 2025 | Valentine's Event | Renegade H-D | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

The H.O.G. Chapter may be needed to help. Watch the E-Blast for further details. Also, there will be a place for you to get your picture taken with the special someone in your life. If you need a special someone, Brian or Kathy will get our picture taken with you so you are not alone.

**February 9, 2025 | Super Bowl Party | H.O.G. Chapter Room | 5:00 p.m. until Done**

Bring your best wings or favorite Super Bowl Party snacks along with a chair you want to use to sit and watch the game. There could be prizes for the best wings.

**February 13, 2025 | Chapter Social Gathering at 6:00 p.m. Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. | HOG Chapter Room**

The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. At 6:30 we will begin a short update of the Chapter happenings and then we will have some fun with drawings for prizes. There will be a birthday cake to celebrate the February Birthdays.





## Ladies of Harley LOH Corner- Johnna

Happy 2025 riding year!!! My name is Johnna Forbes. I'm happy to be joining the H.O.G. Chapter as the LOH activity/ride leader. Our Chapter will offer a LOH activity/ride monthly. ALL members are welcome to join in on the FUN.

Karen and Michael did an amazing job last year with our LOH. This year we hope to continue on with the LOH traditions. Ladies, let make our LOH bigger and better! Lastly, thank to Michael and Matt for allowing me this opportunity.

I would like to point out that the 2025 calendars are out, there are some LOH dates that are changing. Please refer to the Eblast, Newsletter or website for correct dates and times.

January 19th will be our first LOH activity/ride. Paint your own Pottery at Art Zone in Nixa. We will meet at TMRHD 1p KSU 1:30 for a 10.5 mile ride to paint. If it's too cold, you're more than welcome to cage it there. I would love to see all the Ladies of Harley come out.

Just a heads up for February, the service project for Rare Breed date has been changed to the 21st as they no longer serve on Saturday's . We will be preparing food and serving it to the homeless teens that evening. If you would like to help, please let me know. You can contact me at [jp21\\_47@yahoo.com](mailto:jp21_47@yahoo.com) or 417-259-4483.

"Any day is a Great day to ride!"



## Membership Corner- Corey and Nancy

Thank you to those who have renewed their membership for 2025.

If you need to turn in your forms and pay your \$20 membership fee, you can turn it in at the next social gathering 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. No exceptions. Anyone is welcome to ride unless it's a closed ride. A waiver is required for non-chapter members.

National HOG Membership Anniversaries for January:

Rick Green (12 years), Allen Kullman (17 years), Joyce Rogers (5 years), Robert Stephenson (8 years), Lyn Linder (4 years), Robert Allen (2 year), Angie Allen (2 year), Doug Housman (2 year), John Goodnight (2 year), Valerie Goodnight (2 year), Joslyn Wenzel (2 year), Dawn Black (2 year), Amanda Stehle (35 years), Josh Bender (1

year), Cassidy Seiner (1 year), Sheila Killgore (1 year), Jessica Zielinski (1 year), Eric Shinault (1 year), Randy Storz (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- Chrissy L**

Hello! I hope everyone enjoyed their Holidays with family and friends, and Happy New Year! I wanted to introduce myself to those that may not know me yet. My name is Chrissy Lowther, Nic's better half. I have volunteered to be your fundraising coordinator, and I am excited to be able to be of service.

We are currently looking into another gun raffle, but this time doing a "guns and roses" raffle, with a his and hers set. Please don't hesitate to share any fundraising suggestions you may have, and we can look into them. My goal this year is to raise more than last year, and I am ready to hit the ground running!

Happy New Year y'all!  
Chrissylowther@gmail.com



### **Merchandising- Brad Sanders**

Brad is looking into restocking for patches and shirts. He will update everyone when the new merchandise comes in. 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.

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

### SUNSETS & SUNRISES: MOMENTUM LEADING TO ACCELERATION

*"The one thing that is constant in life is change!"*

~ Otis Williams, last living original member of The Temptations

*"Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity... understand what the Lord's will is." (Ephesians 5:15-17)*

~ The Apostle Paul, writing to the church at Ephesus

Reflecting on Otis Williams' words, and more importantly, the Apostle Paul's profound words, as we approach the end of one year and the dawn of another, we can draw deep inspiration and wisdom with regards to momentum that leads to acceleration. The idea of acceleration signifies not just progress but an increase in speed and intensity. As we look back at the past year, we can see it as a time of building momentum. Each challenge overcome, each milestone reached, adds to our forward thrust. Embracing acceleration means being ready to seize opportunities, push boundaries, and move with purpose into the new year. Here are some thoughts to consider:

#### Sunsets and Endings

Sunsets symbolize the conclusion of a day, a time for reflection and gratitude. As we bid farewell to the passing year, it's important to acknowledge both the joys and the hardships. These endings are not merely closures but also vital points of learning and growth. They remind us that every ending paves the way for a new beginning.

#### Sunrises and New Beginnings

With each sunrise comes a fresh start, a new chapter full of possibilities. As the new year dawns, we are given a blank canvas on which to paint our aspirations and dreams. This is a time to set new goals, embrace change, and look forward with hope and enthusiasm. Sunrises signify renewal and endless potential that each new day holds.

#### Embracing Change

Change is the only constant, as Otis Williams rightly points out. Embracing change means being adaptable and open to new experiences. It encourages us to let go of the past and welcome the future with an open heart. Change can bring growth, new perspectives, and opportunities that we might never have imagined.

Moving forward into the new year, here are a few thoughts to carry with you:

1. **Polish your ride!** Reflect with Gratitude. Appreciate the lessons and experiences of the past year.
2. **Lean into the ride!** Embrace Renewal. Welcome new beginnings with optimism and energy.
3. **Open wide the throttle!** Accelerate with Purpose. Move forward with determination, setting clear goals and actively pursuing them.
4. **Enjoy the curves!** Adapt to Change. Stay flexible and open to the new opportunities that change brings.
5. **Fine tune your ride!** More importantly, look to Jesus the author and perfecter

of our faith. Don't keep Jesus in the periphery, but at the center of your life. True and authentic joy is found when we are fulfilling His will.

By holding these thoughts close, you can enter the new year with a spirit of hope, resilience, and unwavering forward momentum. May your coming year be one of growth, fulfillment, and exhilarating acceleration! Join us for Chaplains Coffee, 9:00-10:15 am., Architect Coffee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month.

*Prayer*

*Father as we begin a new year, remind us of the love you have for each of us. May we embrace the changes you bring this coming year, to enrich our relationship with you and with others. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*



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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I have got a suggestion to try a new thing for our social meeting. For January everybody will need to participate. Everybody needs to bring food from their favorite restaurant. It could be McDonald's, Taco Bell, Cheddars, Corner 21...whatever you want to do. This will be a fun experiment! Meeting is Thursday, January 9. Message me if you have any questions. antoinettebevington@hotmail.com or 417-837-9770



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

The Mid-American HOG Rally for 2025 is just around the corner! The rally has been announced officially and registration is now open. If you would like to volunteer, you will need to be registered for the rally. There is a volunteer link on the HOG website under the Mid-America Rally tab – or you can email - [volunteerridingtheozarks25@gmail.com](mailto:volunteerridingtheozarks25@gmail.com)

We are excited to partner with Oasis Hotel and Convention Center. The Oasis, home of Fire and Ice Restaurant and Bar, will serve as base camp for the duration of the rally.

We are looking for ride leaders and suggestions for possible rides around the beautiful Ozarks. We will also need volunteers at the dealership and other jobs. As we get closer we will have a list of volunteer opportunities!

Archie Buckner - Rally Coordinator  
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