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# June 2025



### Dealership Update- Nic

Hey y'all! It's June and that means it's time to rally! One thing I'll mention about the rally, this Mid-America HOG Rally presented by Ozark Mountain HOG has been 3+ years in the making. Tons of effort and energy have gone into securing this rally, planning the events, engineering all the behind-the-scenes pieces, etc. etc. Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy this week in the Ozarks, even if just for a bit. All this effort and energy is most valuable if we take the moment to enjoy. So get out and enjoy it because I said so!

The other news I want to cover in this month's newsletter is a quick change of action during all future business meetings. I've asked (borderline demanded) to our Officer and Leadership team that going forward, all New Business that is presented at a business meeting will be discussed and tabled until a future business meeting as Old Business, where it will then be motioned, further discussed, and voted upon. My feeling is that we're firing from a hip just a bit too soon on some decisions and that's leaving angst, frustration and sometimes just curiosity within other officer positions and there's little that needs decided within 5 minutes of presentation at a HOG business meeting. This will help streamline the meetings, offer time for discovery and discernment and it will help everyone know that old business on the agenda is up for vote prior to attendance.

Riding season is here. Get into the dealership and sign up for one of the many mileage challenges that are going on while you can. Giveaways include brand new Harley-Davidson motorcycles, trips, appliances, even cash. DON'T MISS OUT!! Engagement in these events not only helps your chances of winning, but it supports our efforts at the dealership to engage in promotional tools that Harley-Davidson offers us, and we want to show them that we like them offering free stuff. So again, don't miss out and help us out.

See you on the road!  
Nic



### Director's Corner- Michael

After almost a year of planning, the 2025 Mid-America HOG Rally is only days away. Thanks to Archie and his crew of volunteer coordinators who put this all together. I hope that all of us have the chance to participate in this HOG activity.

I'm sure that most of you noticed the new change in our weekly HOG e-Blast. Going forward, the weekly e-Blast will be published on Saturday mornings. The reason for the change was to give chapter members the opportunity to plan rides on the weekends and give advanced notice of the ride. I know that many ride leaders and Road Captains wait until Wednesday or Thursday to schedule a weekend ride once the weather forecast is announced. If the ride leader or Road Captain can get the information to me by Friday at 6:00pm, I can include the details in the Saturday morning e-Blast. Hopefully this will promote more chapter rides and chapter activities. I hope to see many of you at the rally activities and rides. And be sure to stop by Renegade H-D for more fun, food and camaraderie.



### Assistant Director's Corner- Matt

#### **WELCOME TO JUNE FELLOW RIDERS!**

After the late May soaking, we should be clear to ride.

As of May 25, we have a total of 184969 miles. This makes us 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation and number 3 in the West Central region ahead of St. Charles and Las Vegas. Our national rider average is 2011 miles, 53 in the nation. We are still doing great!!

Remember to Register for the Rally if you haven't already and be sure to Volunteer if you are attending! We appreciate your support for this event!

We will again recognize monthly birthdays at the June Social on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Keep logging on your miles with the dealership to meet the monthly check-ins as per the Chapter Challenge Book.

Ride Safe and Have Fun!



### Secretary's Notebook- Valerie

Happy June! I can't believe we are entering the 6<sup>th</sup> month of the year! Recently Jon and I decided to try going to Bike Night both at the Legion and at our favorite dealership...Teddy Morse's Renegade Harley Davidson. I saw some folks I know, and I saw some folks I didn't know but knew they were a HOG member. How did I know in all those people? Most of whom I didn't know? Not to mention that we have over 200 members in our chapter, many of whom I haven't met. The PATCH! You can identify HOG members if and when they wear our patch! It's a great way to meet other members whether they are just passing through or we just haven't met yet! If you don't have a patch, they are available to purchase at most HOG events or at the dealership. So come join us and get your HOG on!

Valerie



### Treasurer's Purse- Ramona

#### **WELCOME JUNE!**

Hopefully you all have found some dry time ride!

As of May 25, the Chapter has a balance of \$3981.98.

We have another raffle going on for a \$500 gift card, tickets will be sold throughout the Rally so be sure to get your chance(s) to win for \$5 each.

Please reach out to me if have any questions, [rjconde@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rjconde@sbcglobal.net).

Ride Safe and Have Fun!



## Safety Corner- Mike F

The Rally is about HERE!!!! I hope everyone is excited about this as I am! With all the recent flooding please be mindful of those flooded areas and low water crossings. This goes for the motorcycles and our cars. You may know that crossing, drive it daily, the water may look like it's only a few inches deep. What you don't know is what is immediately under the surface. There may be debris, the pavement may be buckled, missing large chunks, or the road surface may be completely washed away! PLEASE FIND A DIFFERENT ROUTE!

Higher temps are here as well, keep yourself hydrated on the bike, make sure you are drinking plenty of fluids! Keep an eye out for your fellow riders when in a group, at stops if you see someone that is either sweating a lot or not at all, they seem confused or dizzy, or complaining of cramps, they may be suffering from heat stroke or exhaustion. Both of these are very serious!

Ride safe and have FUN!!!!

Mike Folkert – Safety Officer  
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## Road Captain's Seat- Brent

KSU- Let's Ride!!

**\*\*TAP-RACK\***



## Activities Playground- Brian and Kathy Hartley

Highlighted areas were not editable

The Chapter Picnic and Second Annual Bug Run was great fun. Our judges Nancy E. and Wil W. used the bug magnifier and awarded the following trophies: Jon G. – Most Bugs, Mike F. – Biggest Bug and Jerry P. - Grossest Bug. Thank you to everyone who shared a dish and/or participated in the Bug Run.

Want to keep up with all the events of the Chapter? Check the weekly eblasts, the Ozark Mountain HOG Facebook page, and the website and here in the newsletter for the list of activities that are scheduled and for additions as they come up. You do not want to miss out!

As a reminder if you have a ride, you want added to the calendar, please email [mrsightman07@me.com](mailto:mrsightman07@me.com) or text Kathy at 314-814-4511.

**June 4, 2025 | Pre-Registration for the Mid-America HOG Rally- TMRHD- 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**June 5 - 7, 2025 | Mid-America HOG Rally – Here is a schedule of events for the Weekend**

(Register and Attend the Rally for 200 points in the Challenge Book)

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

- 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Early Registration at Teddy Morse's Renegade Harley Davidson
- 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Bike Night for Veterans at the American Legion

Thursday, June 5, 2025

- 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration is open at the Oasis
- 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. is Ride Line up and Staging
- 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet at Oasis
- 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Opening Ceremonies, dinner and entertainment at Oasis

Friday, June 6, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration is open at the Oasis
- 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. is Ride Line up and Staging
- 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Parking Lot Party at the Dealership-VIP Tent for Rally Attendees

Saturday, June 7, 2025

- 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration is open at the Oasis
- 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner Buffet at Oasis
- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Closing Ceremonies at the Oasis

**There is no Saturday Scoot in June due to the Rally-** But be sure to check out TMRHD's Facebook page and website for the schedule of events at the Dealership

during the Rally.

**June 12, 2025 | Chapter Social Gathering | 6:00 p.m. | Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. | HOG Room** (Cage to the Social for 25 points in the Challenge Book or ride to the Social for 50 points)

The meal starts at 6:00 p.m. This is a potluck dinner so bring a dish to share with everyone. There will be a birthday cake to celebrate the June birthdays. At 6:30 there will be brief updates and our blue and red ticket drawings for prizes. We will be announcing the winners of the Spring Fever Challenge and presenting the 2024 Rider Challenge Patches. Also, this month's HOGS for Kids food item is three cans of Green Beans. If you missed bringing the items for Jan - May, you can catch up throughout the year.

**June 14, 2025 | Coffee with the Chaplain's** is cancelled until September.

**June 14, 2025 | Christian Motorcycle Association Bike Show | TMRHD**  
Watch TMRHD Facebook page for more details.

**June 16-19, 2025 | Vicksburg, MS Civil War Battlefield Ride**

Meet at What-a-Burger (near the Dealership) at 6:30 a.m. KSU 7:00 a.m. Warren will lead you South of US 65 through Arkansas and Louisiana to Mississippi. All hotel information is listed in the eblast. Warren M is leading the ride and can answer questions. His number is 417-812-9324. (This is a write Long/Overnight Trip in the Challenge Book for 100 points)

**June 19 - 21, 2025 | Ozarks Rumble Rally – Pig Trail Harley Davidson**  
More Details to Follow

**June 24, 2025 | Chapter Business Meeting | 6:30 p.m.**  
All Members are welcome.

**June 28, 2025 | Chapter Serving Lunch at the Dealership – Fundraiser**  
There will be more details to follow and there will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers at the Social.

**Registration Volunteers Needed for Mid America HOG Rally**

It is not too late to volunteer....If you are registered or are planning to register for the Rally, we are looking for volunteers who can help with Pre Registration check in at TMRH-D and we need help at the Oasis throughout the rally. See Kathy H. if you are interested. Text questions to 314-814-4511.

**Bike Nights for June:**

**June 4-Special Bike Night honoring Veterans 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**June 11 and June 25 | 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** Meet at TMRHD parking lot at 5:30 p.m. KSU 5:45 p.m. to ride together or meet us there.

**Location: American Legion | 2660 S. Scenic, Springfield MO**

These events are sponsored by TMRHD. There will be food, music and 50/50 and Cool Prize Raffles.

**Coming in July:**

July 5, 2025 – Saturday Scoot and Chapter Serving Food at Dealership

July 9, 2025 – Bike Night at the American Legion

July 10, 2025 – Chapter Social



## Ladies of Harley LOH Corner- Johnna

Hello HOG members. It's been a minute since I've seen most of you. Can't wait to see all your face at the June social. Have a little bad news, the June LOH Bingo and ride, is being postponed due to myself being out of town that weekend for my son's birthday gift. As we look forward to July, a crafting day has been planned. I am open to you all, we could schedule Bingo then or go painting. Several members reached out wanting to paint that didn't get before. If you're interested in either, please let me know so I can coordinate appropriately.

Now that that's out of the way. On a positive note, a few ladies and I are making our way back from Twisted sisters, 50 rides in Texas. The route did not disappoint. The experience was something else. If you get a chance to ride that way, you have to ride it. We can't wait to share our experience with your fellow chapter members.

Until next month, keep riding. Be safe as you do. Share your experiences. We love to hear them.

Johnna Forbes  
417-259-4483



## 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.

If anybody has any questions, please feel free to reach out to Corey or Nancy Elder.

National HOG Membership Anniversaries for June:

James Clark (6 years), Matthew Conde (16 Years), Sherry Davis (8 Years), Johnna Forbes (3 years), Erika Huddleston (5 Years), Dwayne Lovan (11 Years), Steven Norton (1 Year), Greg Randall (16 Years), Jeanne Randall (14 Years), Bonilou Rowe (3 Years), David Schoolcraft (4 Years), Roy Welch (4 Years), Dwain Wilcox (6 Years)

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.





## Social Media- Katie and Chrissy

Hey Riders!

We're revving up our engines on Facebook and need YOUR help to keep our chapter roaring online! Our Ozark Mtn Hog Chapter Facebook page is the hub for all our events, and highlights—and we're counting on every member to help us grow our online presence.

### ◆ How You Can Help:

- LIKE our posts to show your support
- COMMENT to keep the conversation rolling
- SHARE with your friends and fellow riders to spread the word

The more engagement we get, the more people we reach—and that means more awareness and turnout for our rides and causes.

### 🔥 Don't Miss This: Our Upcoming Rally!

We've got some exciting posts about our upcoming Mid-America HOG Rally—including sneak peeks, event details, and shout-outs to sponsors. Help us hype it up! Your interaction helps build the buzz and get riders ready to roll.

📢 Jump over to the page now and let the world know the Ozark Mtn HOG Chapter is ready to ride!

Katie & Chrissy  
*Social Media Team*



## Fundraising Coin Purse- Chrissy L

It's RALLY month! Don't forget that our raffle for a \$500 Harley Davidson gift card is going on! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. We will draw at the end of the rally! Our next fundraiser will be Dunk Jerry P! This will be held after the Saturday Scoot on July 5<sup>th</sup>! We'll have a dunk tank ready to go, just for Jerry! Stay tuned for more details.....there may even be an opportunity to dunk the GM! See you all at the rally!

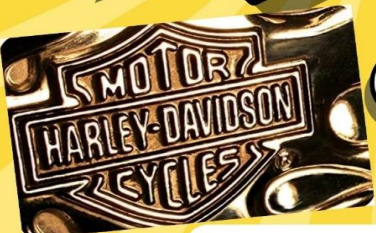


HOGS FOR KIDS

DRAWING AT THE END OF THE RALLY, JUNE 7TH

**RAFFLE**  
**Tickets**

\$5 EACH OR 5 TICKETS  
FOR \$20

 **\$500.00**  
**Harley Davidson**  
**Gift Card!**

DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS OUR HOGS FOR KIDS COMMUNITY EVENTS AND OUTREACH.

Chrissy  
[Chrissylowther@gmail.com](mailto:Chrissylowther@gmail.com)



### Merchandising- Brad Sanders

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-sleeved T-shirts are \$24.00 each.**

You can pay by cash, or a check made out to Ozark Mtn HOG Chapter or at the dealership by credit card.



### **Chaplain's Meditations - Gregg and Jeanne**

We will be back in July!



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

Hey everyone. Don't forget we have our next social on Thursday, June 12 @ 6pm. We look forward to seeing everyone and trying some new dishes. Please bring a main or side dish to share. Not sure what to bring? Contact Antoinette via text at 417-837-9770 or email at antoinettebevington@hotmail.com.



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

The rally is almost here!! As I write this, it is mere days away. That means this is my last article as the Rally Coordinator for the Mid-America Rally 2025. Now, I could use this article to encourage you to register. There's still time. I could also point out that we still have many volunteer positions to fill to make this a great rally. I already know you are going to. So, rather than spend your time going over things you already know, I'd rather spend it saying thank you. You've heard us say many times that a HOG rally is a rally put on by HOG members for HOG members. And you've proven this to be true. First, I want to thank Teddy Morse, Nic, and the rest of the team at Renegade for everything they have done. I don't believe it's much of a stretch to say that we have the best dealership. They have supported this rally so much that they are our number one sponsor. They've given us abundant advice and leadership over the months as our planning team breathed life into this rally. Many of the team have sat in on our planning or met with our team members to accomplish goals together. I am reminded again and again that we enjoy a relationship with our dealership that is rather unique. We get to see that play out through the rally as the dealership has events happening all week to coordinate with and enhance the rally experience, rather than try to compete against it or succeed on its own. The next group that needs a huge thank you is the officer team of our chapter. By working together, the officer team and the rally committee have been able to elevate this rally from a good rally that everyone will enjoy to an amazing rally

that attendees will remember and talk about for a long time to come. I want to extend a deep sense of appreciation to the rally committee members. The committee we have had for this rally has been the team we needed. Every one of them has brought a level of experience and expertise we needed to create a successful plan, getting us from the basics to the upper level. I want to recognise and voice appreciation for the many hours they've put into this. The many meetings we've held don't even scratch the hours they've put in. They have all put in many hours on their "own time" to ensure that the details are thought of and covered. My largest thank you goes to the group that made this rally possible to begin with...the chapter. That's right, you. I am so proud of the way our chapter members have, and will, step up to make this rally a reality. Ride leaders created 12 amazing rides to show off our Ozarks. Volunteers are registering for the rally so that they can cover key positions. Chapter members are helping to fill roles at the dealership to complete the experience. You all have done what you're known for: you step up and show up when there is a need. Thank you. Dealership, Chapter Officers, Chapter Members, Rally Committee. There are times when it's hard to tell where one ends and the other begins. I wish I could go to each one of you to personally say thank you. I am so grateful for how well we have all worked together. Thank you again, Archie Buckne

### **ART Riding- Wil Wheelock**

Finally, we have completed Level 1 of the Harley Owners Group Advanced Riding Techniques (ART). Completing this session required the riders to go outside of their comfort zone and try something new. For me change is always scary. I am proud of the riders who not only completed Level 1 but also of the riders that tried it, even once, and decided that new slow speed control techniques were not for them. Level 1 started out on focusing on straight up slow control. At the end it focused on making sharp turns and learning to lean the motorcycle.

Now we are moving onto Level 2. It will focus on leaning the bike, making very tight turns and making circles. This will be the hardest level to learn. So, it will take the longest time to learn. I would never call Level 1 or 2 fun. But they are necessary if you want to have total control of your bike and that is what this is all about. That control is what will make you a safer rider. At the completion of Level 2, training for the Hog ART will be complete. We will offer a Level 3 that will be a cone course and that should be a lot of fun. The course will be designed so that you can practice your new skills in a fun way and to build friendships with the other riders. Keep checking the calendar for upcoming practice times. We would love for you to participate!

Wil Wheelock

**Please email Debbie at [Debvenne@yahoo.com](mailto:Debvenne@yahoo.com) if you would like to submit anything for the newsletter- anyone can submit an article!!!**



