



From the Directors Desk

Wow, where has the time gone? 2025 is in the books, and boy what a year it was. We raised over \$100k again this year for the 620 Foundation. This was the 11th year for the Foundation, and we have raised over \$1.1 Million so far. Great Job People!!!

Our Chapter logged 201877 miles (from the ones that use Ride 365). Many great rides contributed to those miles. We had members that attended different H.O.G. Rallies, the Harley Homecoming, Sturgis, and The Lake of the Ozarks Rally.

We had 9 members attend the Mid-American Rally in Springfield, MO. In June. The Ozark Mountain HOG Chapter did an Amazing job hosting the rally. The rides were awesome, even though the weather wasn't. We made some new friends from the Ozark Mountain Chapter.



We had Many Members attend the 85th Annual Sturgis Rally. This was Mine and Heather's first time riding out to Sturgis, and it didn't start out well. Melissa Miller met Bambi head on just one mile into the trip. Luckily, she was hurt to badly and was able to ride 2-up with Cody. We went the week before the rally to avoid the bigger crowd. There is so much to see and so many Amazing Rides Like: The Needles Highway, Iron Mountain Road, Mount Rushmore, Custer State Park (Don't pet the Fluffy Cows), and Spearfish Canyon to name a few. We met members from different H.O.G. Chapters from around the world like: Kalimas Solo Indonesia, Mexico City, Guadalajara Mexico, and St-Jerome Quebec.

If you have never been out to Sturgis, you should go!!



Next was the 19th Annual Lake of the Ozarks Rally in Missouri. We had 11 Chapter Members and 2 guests in attendance. Bob and Kim Herr had planned to attend until Bob had some very bad luck in Orlando. This was the first year that I lead the group and set up the AirBnBs. We had 2 different house to stay in that are close together. We had planned rides to all the Hot Spots including: The Castle Ruins, Bagnell Dam, Osage Harley Davidson, and Uranus. We also had a planned ride with members from the Ozark Mountain Chapter that didn't end well unfortunately. We were supposed to be lead By Jerry from the Ozark Chapter, but he got hurt at work a few days beforehand, so Wayne lead us instead. With Wayne was David and Theo who were running sweeps. We started out of Buffalo, MO and when we got into Camdenton Chris Bond, who was at the back of our pack, rode up and said the Dave and Theo were gone. Turns out Theo had a very Bad accident breaking 8 ribs, his wrist, and lost 5 teeth. I'm glad to report that Theo has recovered and is doing well. Other than that, and the very Hot Weather, it was a great time.

We'll be doing it again in 2026. If you want to reserve a spot let me know.



Our Christmas Party was a success, even though it was cut short by a snow storm. The ride Challenges for 2025 were: Most Mile Logged in Ride 365, and Freedom Rocks Challenge. The winners were:

- Jeff Bohr (retired) with 14961 miles logged
- Tammy Bohr with 14897 miles logged
- Gary and Sandy Schwab (retired) with All 100 Freedom Rocks visited
- Cody and Melissa Miller with 70 Freedom Rocks visited

We held elections for the Primary Officers in November and the current Officers were elected to serve again in 2026.

We added 11 new members to the Chapter in 2025, and hope to grow even more in 2026.

We had so many great adventures in 2025, and a few we wish would not have happened. In my first year as Director we had 2 Down Biker Checks issued, and 2 clashes with Deer. By the Grace of GOD we did not lose anyone to these events. We did however lose a past member,

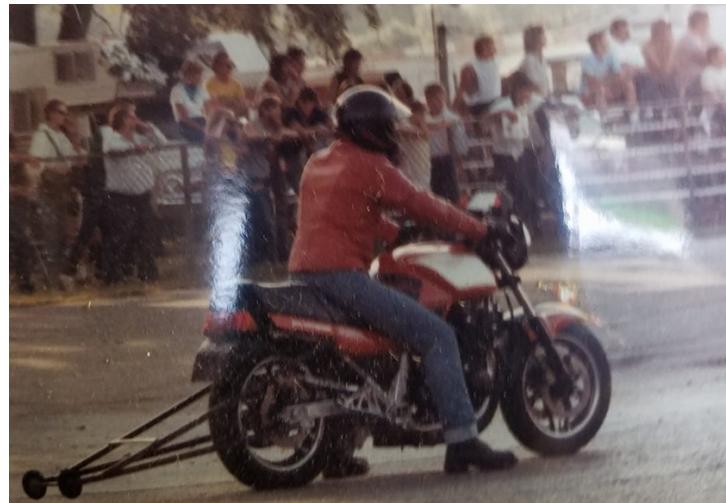
Rest in Peace Charlie Brown.



And Now the continuation of My Family History with Harley Davidson.

Part #2 Uncle Dave

For as long as I can remember my Uncle Dave has always had a motorcycle. Be it a dirt bike that he crashed on Pope Church Road while doing a wheelie to various Street Bikes, and Crotch Rockets. He has lived his life in the wind and on 2 wheels. He even did some drag racing at the track in Martin, Michigan. He ran a 10:29 on a Suzuki GS1159ES while using aviation fuel, which burnt the lobes off the spark plugs.



Uncle Dave is a Top End Guy. If a bike will go 200 miles an hour, he'll push it there. He definitely rides faster than his Angel can fly. He also has a way with words and is a great story teller. He preaches the need for leathers and a helmet. He has a Helmet and a square piece of leather that he uses to show the importance. The Helmet is wore down to the felt inner lining from a crash he had, and the square of leather is the remains of his wallet that he slid on. He also has his own way of putting things. I once received a text from him that read "I just hit 160 in 3rd without spraying it". Translation: He got to 160 mph in 3rd gear without using Nitrous. CRAZY!!!!



But what does all that have to do with Harley Davidson? Well a few years back I receive a text message from him that read "What Was I Thinking". After a few minutes I received this photo.



Thus, completing the second generation of Harley Owners in the family.

Happy New Year to Each of You

Be Safe and Ride Often,

Roger Graham
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