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January 23, 2023 a big day for Harley Davidson, the big reveal. What did you think? Did you watch the big reveal? I did. Didn't see much that would make me buy a new bike this year. The anniversary year colors of red and other colors with red are nice but nothing that's going to make me want to buy a new bike. The only bike that caught my eye was the new trike ROAD GLIDE 3. There is now a trike that has a road glide fairing on it. It may be worth watching the video and taking it out on a test drive. Harley now has different categories of motorcycles; SPORT-3, CRUISER-8, ADVENTURE TOURING-2, GRAND AMERICAN TOURING-10, TRIKE-3 and ELECTRIC-1. I counted 27

different versions of Harley Davidson. How do you decide which is for you? Even with all of these options Harley still doesn't make what I would like for MY RIDE. Meanwhile Honda and BMW have features that Harley does not. The competitors make motorcycles that have reverse on their two wheel versions and ones that are automatic or very close to automatic. I would love reverse assist. In 2020 Harley added the hill assist feature to their clutch; after realizing that the hydraulic clutch on the previous years models was not liked by the riders. I believe introducing the Pan Am motorcycle was a good strategy for Harley Davidson to use in order to get the adventure riders introduced to the brand. I personally am intimidated by them based on the height of the seat and my ability to get on and off of the bike. Bill took one for a test drive and had difficulty maneuvering the gears because he was too big for it, so apparently someone between my height and his height is who the bike is made for. He said he did have a great suspension and a smooth ride though. My '17 Street Glide Special is safe from being traded in for another year. There's plenty of options available to make a bike your own. Sometimes a bike picks you.

This is Harley Davidson's 120th Anniversary and the 40th Anniversary for HOG. I am disappointed in the way that Harley rolled out the events for these celebrations. Tickets sales for the concerts were put up for sale to the public with no pre-notification of loyal Harley Davidson owners and HOG members. The cost of the tickets varied from day to day and increased in price the longer you waited. I personally am not interested in either of the headliner acts that they have for the music choices; however, the only way to get a ticket to ride in the parade was to buy a VIP ticket for close to \$200. It will be an interesting motorcycle rally with all of the non-rider people attending the concerts. I'm hopeful that Harley and HOG will make things right for the riders. As a reminder Fox Valley HOG has a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn express and suites in Brookfield for those interested in staying overnight in Milwaukee during the rally. The rooms are first come first serve until gone.

The days are getting longer and the riding season will be here before we know it. I think all of the preparations we are doing now will pay off when it is time to ride. Thanks to all the Officers and members for the participation at the February meeting.

Director Jean





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News this month:

Jean's trying to understand why the Motor Company does what it does.

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Where's your heart?

It's February and that means Valentines Day. That special day for you and your favorite people to exchange greeting cards, eat chocolate and those little heart shaped candies with romantic words, eat by candlelight and a host of other once -a-year romantic things.

Lexie and I have for the past couple of years, do a Door County winter trip and partake of the nice restaurants and sight-seeing while not fighting the usual high -season crowds. On the other hand, lots of things are closed. Oh, well. Still a fun trip.

I also show my trike a little TLC this time of year. While it's locked away in Appleton H-D's warehouse somewhere, I still gather up new do-dads to install the moment I get it back. Just a thought, if I only get one thing, is it a do or a dad? We'll never know.

We all love riding our Harley Davidsons. None of us would be HOG members if we didn't. We meet great people all the time, sometimes in cars next to us at stoplights. We share our experiences routinely because it's what we have in common. Everything else doesn't seem to matter so much.

Some years back, HOG's national manager was a retired Navy Admiral who lamented he could solve world problems by issuing black t-shirts and putting world leaders on Harleys for a ride. That way, he reasoned, they'd have something fun in common, build comradery and have a story or two to tell everyone else, making the tough discussions a little easier.

I think he's right.

Anyhow, I can hardly wait now since we've had a couple of very nice weather days that I might have sneaked out for a long trip around the block. But wait I shall, for late March or early April to retrieve my trike.

In the meantime, we're making riding plans for the summer. In addition to the Mid-America Rally and the 120th, Maury has organized a fun long weekend to Mackinac and we're headed there too. It'll be a crazy couple weeks for sure.

So show a little love for riding, maybe we can solve a couple of world problems or 3. Now would be real good.



As of this writing [2/12/2023], there are 11 people registered for the Bystander Assistance Class on March 11, 2023, hosted by our chapter and the Appleton H-D dealership. The class is now open to the public, but the majority of attendees at the class will be chapters or invited guests. Thank you to those who registered already. Feel free to share information about the class with anyone you think might be interested. Class size is limited to 20. Once again, here are the details about the class, and how to get registered.

Click on this link, or copy and paste this link into your browser to access the website and register.

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=726683&>

You will see this page.



Summary

Fox Valley Harley Owners Group

IL 23-100-18 Appleton, WI
03/11/2023
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Appleton Harley Davidson Training Academy
5322 W Clairemont Drive
Appleton, WI, 54913

ASM 100 Series Basic Class

“A Crash Course for the Motorcyclist”

Learn what to do in the first 5-30 minutes after a crash until professional help arrives. Helmet removal, jaw thrust, and moving the injured are all addressed & practiced. 6.0 CE's issued

IT-Instructor-Led ASM Basic 100 series class. Lead Instructor: Al Lankford. Location: Appleton Harley Davidson Training Academy. This is a CLOSED class for members of Fox Valley Harley Owners Group and invited guests only. Class limit: 20. The normal cost of \$100/student has been reduced to \$75.00 due to the generous sponsorship of Hupy and Abraham law firm who will also provide lunch. The class fee includes all class materials, course book, patch and a certificate with continuing education credits. An additional discount of \$5 for FOX Valley HOG members is available, please use code FVHOG. For more information, please contact Al Lankford at email: cycleclassics@new.rr.com or phone: 920-265-0941

Register Now

- [New Registration](#)
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Clicking on the button for “New Registration” will take you to the next page, where you will enter an email address in the upper box, and enter the discount code **FVHOG** in the lower box to receive the \$5.00 discount code for our chapter members. Also, click on the button for the

- Basic 100 series student sponsored by Hupy & Abraham \$75.00

Then click the **Continue** button to go to the next step of the registration process.

Thank you for approving the reward for “active” Chapter Road Captains [or Ride Leaders, if you prefer that term] who take the Bystander Assistance Class. We will have a simple process to claim this reward. This will be discussed at future meetings, and published here in the newsletter.

Whatever the weather, dress in layers!

February 7, 2023 – Chapter Meeting

Minutes taken by Donna Van Landghen in Diane Lemke's absence.

In Person: 36

Virtual: 17

Meeting began at 6:32 pm with Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Jean Calloway:

Great turn out tonight.

A few visitors tonight:

Dennis Schaefer is a recent relocation to the area. He is retired and wife is Gwen. Current motorcycle is a 2014 Ultra with sidecar.

John Long had a guest with him and her name is Joe. She was happy to meet everyone.

Patricia from dealership:

Explained a few of the upcoming events: Hunt a heart for a discount up to 30% to motor clothes and 15% on parts.

Inside the garage on Saturday, Feb 11 was Detailing & Paint Care

Future Inside the garage

Feb 25 Motorcycle Maintenance

March 11 Customization & Riding Gear

March 25 Audio and Infotainment

April 8 Engine Performance

Free stage kit promotions, on stock for bikes purchased at dealership.

Rock audio installation with funds back.

Free local pickup and delivery, with \$400 work order within 30 miles.

Jean:

Holiday party summary we had a wonderful attendance, food, door prizes and White Elephant game.

2022 Participation Cards: 52 people turned in their cards for the drawing. Most number of activities with 45 was Maury Wiese and Richard Thomson. Random gift card drawing based on groups were Corey Wilinski (\$20), Mike Smith (\$30), Mark Duvernell (\$50) won gift cards.

Poker winners: Jayne Bonnell, Diane Lemke, Kay Rogers, Marcia Meidam and Jeff Weeman (top winner was Jeff) Total \$253 for entire pot.

In the process of reviewing the constitution and bylaws, which were last reviewed in 2014.

Josh D and Shelley D from the dealership are currently reviewing the proposed changes.

After they are finished for two consecutive meetings they will be discussed and then voted on.

Behind the Gates: March 18, everyone will meet down there for 10 am. Share a ride is an option. Must pay by March 1. For each group of 10 there will be a designated tour guide.

Our payment to the museum is two weeks prior.

There will be tours available July 13-16 with a special \$70 1 hour tour. Reach out to Richard or Jean for more details. As of our February meeting date, this has not been made official just yet.

Richard Thomson:

FROGG lunch is at Tanners West tomorrow, 14 people have confirmed. Come and join at 11:30.

Diane Lemke:

Currently vacationing with Paul in Aruba.

Sam Tomaszewski:

Attendance for the meeting 36 people, online 17 people

Renew your membership by March 1 as you will be removed from Facebook and Emails after that date.

Amber Boehlen:

Handed out blue cards for members to mark which date they would be interested in for the King Ride. May 21 or Aug 20. Voice your thoughts today. There are pros/cons on both dates.

Charity committee will be meeting on Wed, Feb 8 to discuss further.

The vote is very close stay toon.

Paul Treder:

Accident Scene: Approximately 7 are taking it. We have openings, which are now open to the public. Hupy is paying \$25 toward each attendee in attendance

Did you read the January newsletter? There was a recommendation to give Road Captains funds back if they pass their Accident Scene. There is a change to the amount from the January newsletter.

Minor change is an amount to what was printed. For what you paid up to \$50 for those that might pay less.

Maury said his session in Florida had a \$60 refund back.

The proposal is for up to \$50 gift card to dealership that is paid by the chapter for road captain who pass the class

Road Captain last year in a ride or sweep, or 2023 must lead or sweep

The motion was made to give a reward to road captains who lead or sweep

Jean Callaway motioned to approve and Mike Smith second.

In favor 37 in person, Virtual 9, Oppose: none in person

Road captain must participate

Cindy asked that we have an article in newsletter in advance of any meeting when we want members to vote., that we bring this motion in advance and allowed members to discuss. Be sure to have it separate as its self.

Jean proposed a motion of \$350 budget annually.

What if there is an 8th person or more and it can be voted on later. If there is a \$350 budget then split it among all captains.

Jean mentioned that since the value is \$50, it is under the \$100 officer approval limit and possibly could give out to the approved road captain when they pass and lead a ride.

Mary Sanders stated that maybe give deadlines for the class.

Must lead before the payment is made.

Maury on line and in 2022 had 12 road captains and only 7 lead. Maury stated he will not take his funds.

Motion to pay out \$350

In favor 34 in person approved. Opposed (not stated) Abstain 2. Motion carried.

Appleton HD has Rider Advanced Course 2, \$190 to take the class. You can find the dates on the website.

Donna Van Landghen:

2022 National Ride 365 results (see newsletter details)

2022 Chapter challenge results (see newsletter details)

Ladies of Harley update (see newsletter details)

Mackinac Island Trip update from Maury:

SS Badger reservations should be made with our group name of FOXVALLEYHOG23

Book your hotels as well

Currently 14 have confirmed going

Notify Maury if you are joining

Jean:

Riding Academy Front doors (they connect to the riding range) MUST NEVER BE UN-LOCKED. Everyone should only go thru the side door by garage door.

Next meeting is March 7 at 6:30 pm

Amber:

Coffee fund for the night (50 /25 /25)

\$118 total, \$58 to chapter

\$30 to Tim Mielke, He donated to King his winnings.

\$30 to Paul Treder, He donated to King his winnings

Sam:

Dealership attendance winner receives \$25 gift certificate

Kaye Rodgers name was drawn and she was present

Amber:

Name badger orders start next meeting.

Jean closed the meeting at 7:23 pm

Note: All members can review the entire meeting as recorded on Facebook.

2022

Ride 365 (National Mileage)

Our Chapter Standings

National Total Rank 43 (436,660 miles)

National Average Rank 102 (5,901 miles)

Market 3 Plains total Rank 7 (436,660 miles)

2022 Chapter Mileage

	Female Riders	Male Riders	Retiree Riders
Random miles > 6000	\$20	\$20	\$20
Random miles 3000 - 5999	\$20	\$20	\$20
Random miles < 2999	\$20	\$20	\$20
Random	Passenger \$15		
	Summer Surprise Ride \$15		
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	Female Riders	Male Riders	Retiree Riders
Random miles > 6000	Cindy Debrozzo	Pete McCann	Frank Rogers
Random miles 3000 - 5999	Krystal Krause	Jeff Weeman	Tom Murphy
Random miles < 2999	Michele Sternhagen	Paul Hennes	Jaci Garvey
Random	Jayne Bonnell		
	Summer Surprise Ride \$15		
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Winner can stop at the dealership-clothing desk to pick up their gift card from the chapter binder.

2022 Fox Valley HOG Chapter ~ Mileage by member details

<u>Female Riders</u>		<u>Passenger</u>		<u>Male Riders</u>	
Jean Callaway	12548	Margaret Thomson	13016	JON FREDRICKSON	21225
Diane Lemke	10651	Kaye Rogers	9422	William Callaway	17156
Cindy Debrozzo	9058	Amber Boehlen	7012	Paul Lemke	11077
Donna Van Landghen	6467	Jayne Bonnell	4168	David Brunover	9299
Jodi Scheffler	6301	Mary Sanders	3409	PETE MCCANN	9198
Julie Suring	5373	Connie Weeman	3021	Mark Tessen	7695
Krystal Krause	4310	Whitney Whitenack	2790	Scott Boehlen	7012
Chi Whitemarsh	3166			Timothy Vajgrt	6348
Michele Sternhagen	2548			Mike Van Landghen	6159
Toni Hennes	2227			Brian Becker	5808
JAZMIN SIKOWSKI	1274			Dennis Keyzer	5732
				Alec Fritz	5279
				TIMOTHY WOLFF	5055
				TIMOTHY MIELKE	4828
				Chris Tessen	4771
				Mark Duvernell	4425
				Brad Stein	4256
				William Bonnell	4168
				Perry Mangum	3579
				Richard Sanders	3409
				Jeffrey Weeman	3021
				Josef Whitney	2790
				Paul Hennes	2540
				David Austin	2374
				Peter Van Houwelingen	453
<u>Retiree Riders</u>					
Leon Meidam	24306				
Charles Janssen	20001				
Maury Wiese	16469				
Jeffrey Carr	16318				
Marcia Meidam	14367				
Richard Thomson	13016				
Eugene Schultz	11833				
John Siegel	10525				
Frank Rogers	9422				
Dennis Robbins	4927				
Ron Comer	4806				
Thomas Murphy	3778				
John Sternhagen	3399				
Alan Erdman	3194				
Randall Cook	2970				
Paul Treder	1509				
Jacqueline Garvey	326				

2023

How to get your mileage recorded

To enter the 2023 NATIONAL and / or Chapter challenge, a mileage reading must be taken after January 1, 2023. National lifetime mileage carries over from year to year, but new readings must be taken each calendar year to participate.

ONLY FOR YOUR STARTING 2023 MILEAGE to assist the dealership: There are two options to have your mileage recorded.

Complete the dealership form and have a dealership person read and record your miles

Take a photo of the completed form and email to Donna Van Landghen for the Chapter mileage.

Include which group to record your mileage to.

Take a photo of your motorcycle(s) vin and mileage. Then email to Shelley and Patricia at the dealership.

Shelley.draeger@appletonhd.com

Patricia.Herminghaus@appletonhd.com

You must include in that email

Your National Harley membership id

Your name

Your motorcycle(s) model

Mileage reading is for the Beginning, Middle, or End of year

You are having mileage recorded for Ride 365

You are having mileage recorded for Chapter challenge

Passenger to enroll

Passenger name

Passenger National Harley membership id

2023 Chapter Challenge for Mileage:

Send email Donna Van Landghen the same information for the Chapter mileage

423donnaavl@gmail.com

Include which group to record your mileage

Ladies, Men, Retire, Passenger

At the end of the riding season

Send email with your details to Donna Van Landghen

Any additional information during the year can be sent to me as well.

For the Chapter Mileage Challenge, when I receive your mileage email I will send you a reply email that I have received.

New Perks for Ride 365 Participants

National added some perks for 2023 for members who participate in Ride 365 challenges and other H.O.G. programs. Enhancements to existing programs in hopes to increase the incentive to participate or make it easier for members to earn rewards and recognition for the miles ridden.

Dealership Check-In Challenge

Participants will now be rewarded for more achievement levels along the journey with awards receive for 10, 25, 50, 75, and 100 or more check-ins. Here are the new reward levels:

10-24 points: Ride 365 Dealership Check-in Challenge pin and patch

25-49 points: Commemorative H.O.G. 40th Anniversary banner

50-75 points \$50 Norscot gift certificate for exclusive H.O.G. merchandise and H.O.G. Eagle Wall medallion

75-99 points: \$75 Norscot gift certificate

1000 points or more: \$100 Norscot gift certificate

First Place overall winner: \$2000 HD Gift Card, 1st place Plaque and recognition at the HD Museum

Second Place overall: \$1500 HD Gift Card, 2nd place Plaque and recognition at the HD Museum

Third Place overall: \$1000 HD Gift Card, 2nd place Plaque and recognition at the HD Museum

For each prize level range, participants receive all prizes listed for that level in addition to all prizes for previous levels achieved

10 for '23 Challenge participants will receive a unique challenge coin for each location visited in addition to a poker chip

Earn HD Promo Cards for your miles.

2,500 miles = \$50

10,000 miles = \$100

Ladies of Harley

A small group has gotten together a couple times to discuss the following:

What Ladies of our chapter would like to see from our group and chapter?

Include both Rider and Passengers

Volunteer within community. Pets, Serve Meals

Organize lady ride

Non-Riders can meet at destination or follow in vehicle

Possibly just a lady 'new rider' ride

Weekend away

See Play or similar events

Soup fund raiser

Example: Various soups made by members, and ask for donations by cup

Paint n Brush

Bowling

Mini Golf (indoor)

Adopt-A-Highway

We submitted a request for 2023 and have been granted a 2 mile section

Highway 96 and County II (Hwy 10) in Fremont

Bank and fuel station on corner

Goes 2 miles East to Bellin Road

Must do 3 cleanups

April 15 @ 10 am

Must wear safety vests

We will be provided with vests, trash bags, safety signs

June 25

September 23

Asking ALL Chapter members to assist at one of the 3 dates

I will share the safety video and details prior to date

We can look at a breakfast, lunch, ride as well

Upcoming Event

The Fire, Appleton

February 19 @ 12:30 start

7 attending, 1 maybe

Would love to see others join

Financials—Next time for sure!

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Mid-America Rally
St Charles, MO
June 22-24

Mackinac Ride
July 8-11

Harley Davidson 120th
Celebration
Milwaukee
July 13-15

Next month—The Ides of March

Officer's Meeting: Officer's meetings are 6:30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Sidelines in Greenville. All Members welcome to attend and contribute.

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