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It's been a LONG winter. Daylight savings gives me hope that the end is in sight. Princess is covered up in the garage and Bill has his in storage this off season. How do you decide when its time to "get your bike out?" When is the RIGHT time? I think that answer is different for everyone. For me, first the garage needs to be ready to park the bikes; which means Bill's truck will need to stay outside. Then I need to know that I will be able to continue to ride once taken off the stand. Way too much work to put her back on the stand up against the wall again, re-hook the tender up and put the cover on. For some riders any chance they get to ride around the block is good. Is there salt on the roads? What's your "go" or "no" for temperature? I personally don't have number but definitely have a comfortable preference around 68. Some say they ride as long as its above freezing. My choice will always be to ride when it's "nice" whatever that may be.



It's also the time of year to see what fits. Leather jacket- can I wear a sweatshirt or t-shirt; will it zip? New leather jacket check. Chaps maybe next week they will fit? New chaps Check. It's a good time to go through sunglasses and check for cracks/scratches and put anti-fog treatment on while cleaning. Check your helmet for damage. Clean and condition any leather items you packed away in November. Check the zippers and snaps. Waterproof your boots.

Review the supplies in your first aid and emergency supply kit. Is the packaging damaged, is it expired, is this something of value, what am I missing? Latex gloves deteriorate with time and when exposed to heat. We have a safety pack that we customize depending on the location and distance of our trip. Check your flashlight batteries. Sunscreen, ChapStick. Replace the battery on your FOBS and place a spare with your emergency kit. Do you know how to start your bike with a PIN? Time to learn.

I will appreciate having all of the prep work done when the day comes that its NICE enough for me to ride and all my stuff is ready to go.

The officer training is the end of this month. Be ready for some new ideas and requests for ideas and participation from you. I'm very excited about all the activities that we have already done this year and what there is yet to come

*The photo is the graduating class of March 2023 Bystander Assistance Training— Ed.*

Jean



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### News this month:

**Jean's bummed about the weather. Aren't we all? Plus get your bike stash ready now.**

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## The Ides of March

You've heard, I'm sure, Et Tu Brutus? What Julius Caesar said to his (former) friend as he was being assassinated on March 15th. At least, that's what Shakespeare imagined he said.

This isn't so much about Caesar or Shakespeare, more about the time of year. March is the transition month from winter to spring. In like a lion, out like a lamb, the saying goes.

Not this year. Not. Not. Not. Argh!

All this snow would have been great in January, but it's seriously delaying my first ride this season. Usually, we see a nice upper 60—low 70's day this month but the way things are going, I might not get my first ride in until July.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to our road trip to the HD Museum later this month. I haven't been there in a while and really enjoy pointing to bikes like the ones I have owned somewhere along the line.

Plus the chili at Motor will melt your windpipe.

Sometimes as editor I can take a liberty or two.

Like when my dog dies. Ace was 12 years old when he took his final nap this month. He had all kinds of trouble internally with his heart and we finally decided it was time to go.

Ace was a stray, we really didn't know how old he was, although he had puppy teeth when we got him. He moved with us from Illinois to California, back to Illinois and finally to the Fox Valley. He road shotgun with me in the front seat of the U-Haul for 2000 miles coming back from Cal, just the two of us.

All of 16 pounds and grey—the color of night—he was a wanderer and a sniffer. One time he got out here in Grand Chute, we got a call from a 1/2 mile away by a very nice couple who found him wandering in their yard. You really didn't take a walk, more like a sniff and pee. No vertical surface was safe.

But this is part of what you sign up for with a pet. The ending. It's very sad, Lexie and I both miss our sweet boy.

If you have pets, be sure you spend all the time you can with them. Now is very good.



Safety Factor: March 2023

For whatever reason, and whatever skill it might be, I admit I have difficulty motivating myself to practice. However, after getting into a “practice mode” mentality, practicing becomes enjoyable as skills improve, and I begin to look forward to the next practice session. Practicing little used motorcycling skills on your own is a good idea; even better is taking a Basic Rider 2 or similar course. The advantages of taking such a course are seeing the demonstrations by an expert instructor or “riding coach” of the maneuvers, then doing the maneuvers, and getting feedback from the expert. Classes are held no matter the weather. Over the years, I have taken such a course at least 4 times, on two different motorcycles, in all kinds of weather ranging from cold, sleet and rain to hot and humid. Taking those classes in the cold, sleet, and rain helped me “conquer” my hesitation to ride in those conditions [I still try to limit my riding in “adverse conditions”, but sometimes they are unavoidable]. The courses in which I participated were at Moraine Park Technical College campus in Fond du lac, and at Road America Motorcycle Schools [a bonus for taking one of their classes is the opportunity to ride around the racetrack at the end of the day!] This was before an Experienced Rider Course was offered by Harley-Davidson Riding Academy. Good information here: <https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/content/motorcycle-training/skilled-rider-course.html> And in particular:

**WHAT SKILLS WILL I PRACTICE?**

The course focuses on improving these skills:

- Control at low speeds
- Risk management
- Limited space maneuvers
- Cornering judgment
- Swerving and stopping quickly on straights and in curves
- Multiple curve maneuvers and surmounting objects

When you're done, you'll earn a MSF Basic Rider Course 2 completion card that may qualify you for a discount on motorcycle insurance.



But wait, there is more:

Note the “reward” National Harley Owners Group gives to US H.O.G. members who take a Safe Rider Skills course. Also note the **Safe Rider Skills Chapter Recognition award if at least 12 chapter members complete a rider skills course**, such as the Basic Rider 2 class offered by the Riding Academy. **Wouldn't it be great if our chapter earned that award??** I plan to hone some of my riding skills by participating in one of the Basic Rider 2 sessions offered by the Appleton Harley-Davidson Riding Academy this year. Fee is \$199.00. Who will join me??

### Bystander Assistance Class

March 11, 2023

Thanks to everyone who participated in this class. Most students were chapter members, as you can see in the group picture. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> time I took this class. Each time, I learn something new. Sometimes, I have to “unlearn” what was taught previously, because of on-going research into trauma care. For example, there are new recommendations regarding the use and placement of tourniquets to help control severe bleeding, and a new understanding regarding the safety of leaving a tourniquet in place without concern for losing a limb because of the restricted blood flow.

Last year I wrote a series of articles sharing a very condensed version of the topics covered and information learned in this class. It may be worthwhile using those articles again this year, as a refresher for those who did not take the class and for those who are new to the chapter.

Thanks as well to the law firm of Hupy & Abraham, S.C for their sponsorship of \$25.00 per student; providing lunch; and the very informative presentation “Protecting Yourself by Having Adequate Insurance Coverage” by Attorney Shawn Brock.

Finally, thanks to Al Lankford our instructor and his wife Barb as his able assistant.



Practicing using direct pressure, then applying a dressing on a [faked] open wound.



Bystander Assistance—Paul Treder



**March 7, 2023 – Chapter Meeting**

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

In Person: 37

Virtual: 16

Meeting began at 6:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Jean Callaway:

Patricia from the dealership is in Daytona

Beyond the gate, March 18, 19 people attending. Bring your HOG card and you will get a special pin. Our chapter rocker will be on display at the museum. Meet at the museum at 10 a.m. Splitting in two groups, then lunch and back to museum.

Brat Shed; September 9 is the dealership Rummage Sale and our chapter is booked to do the Brat Shed. We will need members to work.

Officers are going to the officer training March 24, 25

Rides and Rallies. May 6 Female ride day, Memorial Day at the High Ground in Neillsville.

Rush ride closed on March 1

Richard Thomson:

FROGG lunch of March 8 will be at Solea in Neenah

April 7 is the Good Friday ride / first official ride. Hoping to go to Fin N Feather in Winneconne Harley 120<sup>th</sup> will have a coffee and conversation where you can talk direct to William Davidson to ask him any questions. Richard had talked with him back in August. July 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

8:30 am or 10:30 am, Talk to Richard for more details.

April 12 FROGG lunch on River Rail is the plan. Watch for details in case it changes.

Diane Lemke:

Currently vacationing with Paul.

Sam Tomaszewski:

Current membership is over 80.

Watch for the website password to change.

Membership cards will be at the Dealership Clothing desk for pick up.

Amber Boehlen:

Charities thanks for your input.

26 May, 20 August – August 20 is the 2023 date.

The committee was looking at what was best for KING. The Community First CU was a factor, as we could not get their support for May; we get free advertising, candy bars. Also gives the committee and chapter to prepare.

Other things... the ride will go thru the King Campus, thru town, out to the VFW on the East side off 54. The VFW will do all the food, staff, and beverages.

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ride for King will be May 19, 2024.

Sunday, June 4 2023 will be the ROCKTON Chicken ride. Watch for details in the coming months.

Name badge order form is available

Paul Treder:

Bystander class is this Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>

The Road Captain payback details to come

Dealership riding academy does have the Advance classes on the range on your own motorcycle. Troy will attempt to add more classes as needed. Watch the newsletter for other HOG benefits.

Early season riding... stay warm, dress in layers, watch road conditions

Donna Van Landghen:

Mileage winners your gift cards at the Dealership clothing

LOH

No March gathering planned however if anyone would like to plan something let me know.

April 15, volunteers needed for the Adopt A Highway Cleanup. We have 2 miles on 96 from Fremont corner going East.

Maury by Jean

July trip to Mackinaw

Road Captains have a May meeting

Perry by Jean

He is in Daytona

Jean is asking for help on the activities

Shelly:

Patricia is at Daytona, showing off the Cow shirt

Spring sale, must be on the text or email club. You need to get that to get the discount. 20% - 10% based upon what you are purchasing

This Saturday (march 11) is a Mini-garage on riding gear from 10 am until noon.

Harley is promoting a Spring Season Opener. Saturday March 25 has a poker walk within the store, can get some swag and drawing. From 10 am – 2 pm, come in store to use the HD app to win prizes. Like a motorcycle and tickets to the 120<sup>th</sup>. About five stations you go to and hear a quick ditty.

End of season merchandize sale going on right now.

Gift for purchases of \$350 in April gets you a backpack.

120<sup>th</sup> is having things but not much information yet available for HOG.

120<sup>th</sup> Parade passes, she hasn't received but she hopes to see and talk to her rep from Harley

HOG 365 rides; get your miles in to Patty or Shelley. Let Shelly know you want to join.

New Member: David Peel, in the area for 13 years (Randy encouraged him to join)

Coffee fund 96 total, 48 to chapter, 24 to each winner.. John Siegel, D Brunner

Attendance: \$25 for March and Kaye Rogers was present at the meeting.

Jean closed the meeting at 7:09 pm

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



**CHAPTER NAME BADGES**

We are once again offering chapter members an opportunity to purchase a badge. The badges are 1.5 x 3 inch and come with either a magnetic or a pin (military) fixture. Cost is \$10 for either.

You may have up to 3 lines for your name/title plus the chapter name, which is included.

Example:	Jane Doe Secretary <i>Chapter name</i>	Jane Doe   <i>Chapter name</i>	Jane Doe   <i>Chapter name</i>	Jane Doe  <i>Chapter name</i>
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Please use the attached order form to place your order. Order forms and payment can be dropped off at the motor clothes desk at the shop. You must be a 2023 chapter member in order to place an order.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber Boehlen, treasurer.

**NOTE: PER NORSCOT 4/2021 – NICKNAMES NO LONGER ALLOWED**

Ride 365 (National Mileage)

How to get your mileage recorded

Be sure to turn in your starting mileage for 2023 with Patricia or Shelley at Appleton Harley to get your National miles recorded. The national Ride 365 miles is the annual competition between all Harley Chapters overall and in regions.

The Chapter mileage contest I need your starting mileage and ending for each motorcycle.

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 readings or bike changes during the year can be sent to me as well.

	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		
	Summer Surprise Ride \$15		

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

As of March, I have only received one bike mileage reading.

Ladies of Harley

I have no gathering planned for March, however, if anyone would like to do something – please go ahead and plan for March or other months.

Adopt-A-Highway

April 15 @ 10 am

10 people have committed – THANK YOU

A few more would be awesome

No 'rain' date is planned and will wait until the week prior on alternate date

I'll be sending an email to those committed on the details of cleanup

## 2023 H.O.G. Rallies are Off and Running

The first H.O.G. Touring Rally of the season, Run the Gulf, is in the books. It's just the beginning of a year filled with the promise of epic riding adventures. There are many more chances to ride the best roads in the country, create great memories and meet new friends. Please share the schedule with your chapter members and consider planning a chapter ride to an upcoming event.

**Full details and registration links for all H.O.G. rallies are available on the [H.O.G. Rally Map](#).**

### 2023 H.O.G. Touring Rallies

Spring Heat in AZ H.O.G. Touring Rally, March 25-28, Fresno, CA to Apache Junction, AZ

Mighty Big Bend H.O.G. Touring Rally, May 1-5, El Paso to Lajitas, TX

Natchez Trace & More H.O.G. Touring Rally, May 9-14, Indianapolis, IN to Slidell, LA

The Ozark Highlands H.O.G. Touring Rally, June 17-21, Texarkana, AR to Columbia, MO

Ring of Fire H.O.G. Touring Rally, August 29-September 2, Tacoma, WA to Chico, CA

9 Passes H.O.G. Touring Rally, September 5-9, Chico to Lancaster, CA

### 2023 Regional H.O.G. Rallies

Bossier City Breakout H.O.G. Rally, April 21-23, Bossier City, LA

Mid-America H.O.G. Rally, June 22-24, St. Charles, MO

"N" the Burg H.O.G. Rally, July 26-29, Fredericksburg, VA

H-D Homecoming/Harley-Davidson 120th Anniversary & H.O.G. 40th Anniversary, July 13-16, Milwaukee, WI

Battle Cry of Freedom H.O.G. Rally, August 16-19, Gettysburg, PA

Bikes, Beaches & Bridges H.O.G. Rally, October 4-7, Clearwater, FL

### 2023 H.O.G. Check-Ins

Arizona Bike Week, March 29-April 1, Scottsdale, AZ

Thunder Beach Spring Rally, May 3-6, Panama City, FL

Myrtle Beach Bike Week, May 13-20, Myrtle Beach, SC

Tennessee Motorcycles & Music Revival, May 18-21, Hurricane Mills, TN

West Coast Thunder, May 26-28 Riverside, CA

Ohio Bike Week, May 26-June 4, Sandusky, OH

Rolling to Remember, May 27-28, Washington, DC

Americade, May 31-June 3, Lake George, NY

Laconia Motorcycle Week, June 10-17, Loudon, NH

Harley-Davidson Homecoming, July 13-16, Milwaukee, WI

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 4-11, Sturgis, SD

Bikefest Lake of the Ozarks, September 13-16, Osage Beach, MO

Northwoods Fall Ride, September 14-16, Tomahawk, WI

Bikes, Blues & BBQ, September 20-23, Rogers, AR

Street Vibrations Fall Rally, September 21-24, Reno, NV

Biketoberfest, October 19-21, Daytona Beach, FL

# RIDE 365



## Announcing the 2022 Ride 365 Winners!

The ballots are in and H.O.G. is pleased to announce the winners of the 2022 Ride 365 Chapter Challenges. St. Charles Missouri Chapter won the Total Miles Challenge with nearly 1.7 million miles ridden. Boneyard Chapter Winterville NC won the Average Miles Challenge with 12,563 miles ridden per member. Both overall winners, along with the top chapter in each US Regional Sales Market, will receive a Ride 365 Chapter Recognition Event hosted by their H.O.G. Regional Manager and a commemorative plaque. Congratulations to all the members and Chapters who participated in the 2022 challenges, and good luck in 2023. For full details about the 2023 Ride 365 Challenges, visit the [program page](#).

### Total Miles Challenge

#### National Winner:

ST. CHARLES MISSOURI CHAPTER

#### Region

Plains

#### Miles

1,696,763

#### Regional Market Winners:

CAJUN CHAPTER LAFAYETTE LA  
ORANGE COAST CHAPTER ORANGE COUNTY CA  
WORCHESTER MASS CHAPTER  
THE WOODLANDS TEXAS CHAPTER  
ALL AMERICAN CHAPTER HUGHESVILLE MD

Southeast

1,581,394

West

1,145,412

Northeast

891,362

Southwest

857,047

Mid-Atlantic

639,077

### Average Miles Challenge

#### National Winner:

BONEYARD CHAPTER WINTERVILLE NC

#### Region

Mid-Atlantic

#### Miles

12,563

#### Regional Market Winners:

BRANDYWINE CHAPTER CHADDS FORD PA  
SPIDER CITY USA CHAPTER PORT CHARLOTTE FL  
MAGIC VALLEY CHAPTER TWIN FALLS IDAHO  
DES MOINES IOWA CHAPTER  
PIKES PEAK CHAPTER

Northeast

12,385

Southeast

10,758

West

9,526

Plains

8,355

Southwest

8,034

**February 2023 Financial  
Summary** **3,556.30**

Checking	1,603.71
Savings	733.28
Savings - Year End Party	536.12
Savings - Fun Run	3.51
Savings - King	78.43
Savings - Memo- rial Brick	611.25
Petty Cash	65.00

If anyone would like to see any of the reports,  
please contact Amber

<i>less anticipated future payouts</i>	
<i>Jeff Weeman #1516</i>	<i>(75.00)</i>
<i>Remaining ac- count</i>	<i>3,556.30</i>

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## Comings and Goings

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farther into the  
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Tidbits.

Member's tips and  
trips and events  
that might interest  
you.

Harley Museum Day Trip

March 18

Mid-America Rally

St Charles, MO

June 22-24

Mackinac Ride

July 8-11

Deadline to register with Maury - April 1

Harley Davidson 120th

Celebration

Milwaukee

July 13-15

### SAVE THE DATES!

Rockton chicken run – Sunday, June 4, 2023

2023 King ride is set for Sunday, August 20, 2023

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary King ride is set for Sunday, May 19, 2024

Next month—April Fools

**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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