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There are so many things to write an article about yet none come to mind. I'm currently trying to wrap my head around the new changes to the Harley Owners Group, and the new levels of passes that people can obtain for free or purchase. My understanding is that there is still a HOG membership. There should be no change to those of you who are lifetime members.

I have experimented with the new app and still have a lot to learn. I have merged my Harley Davidson Visa card to my hog membership and I have applied for the Shell gas card discount so if you don't have a Shell gas card you can get this card and it will give you five cents off every gallon of shell gas from what I can understand. As Shelley stated at the gathering for July, the points system will be changing as well. I found myself with over 2000 points in the new system, after having service done on my motorcycle, which I would not have obtained under the old system. Each point earned becomes \$money that you can spend at any Harley Davidson dealership or at Harley online. I had my mileage read for greater than 2500 miles so I should be getting my \$50 promotional card mailed to me soon. I am trying to share with everyone the advantages or benefits of having a HOG membership but HOG doesn't offer a lot of help.

Too much fun with chapter members on our Mackinac Island trip. It's now the middle of July. Where has the summer gone?

I am hoping that one of the other officers writes about our adventures to Mackinac this past weekend. It was a wonderful experience or adventure is someone put it? There were 16 motorcycles and 24 participants for the three night trip. We put our motorcycles on a ferry and drove over a 5 mile bridge. Lots of memories and items checked off of bucket lists.

The KING ride is next month. I'm very proud of all of the hard work that the committee and the members are doing to make this king ride a huge success.

Your Director, Jean.



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### News this month:

So many things!

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Where does the time go?

Seems like only yesterday we got back from St Charles, and then Mackinaw and then Milwaukee. OK, it was only a couple of weeks ago.

The mid-America rally in St Charles, MO was a hoot! The town was ready for Harley Riders. St Charles Harley Davidson sponsored a lots of stuff. The locals planned terrific rides through the winding roads of the Mississippi and Missouri river valleys and lots of places to eat. OK, it was hot and road construction near the dealer created challenges, but overall a good time! Shoulda been there.

By the way, no mid-America Rally in 2024. Next up is 2025.

Mackinaw was a terrific ride, a great combination of motorcycling and tourist. We hopped the ferry for a nice boat ride across the big pond, stayed and nice hotels, road great roads and even played tourist for a day. Weather was awesome! Much thanks to ride organizer Maury and all who helped get our herd of drunken cats to move in the same direction most of the time.

But wait, there's more. Milwaukee and the 120th birthday party starting with HOG night at Wisconsin State Fair Park. Déjà Vu, a band most of us danced to at the old POT and HOT training, played for us. We're on a winning streak with the weather, too. No rain!

Internationally well attended too. We met with folks from England and Germany and saw patches from Korea (they shipped their bikes!), France, Mexico and way more.

Your Chapter was well represented in the parade. It's a real thrill to ride past all those cheering Milwaukeeans who line the route, high 5 everyone they can and celebrate one of things that makes Milwaukee famous.

Harley Brass announced an annual homecoming with special emphasis every 5 years. So next year for sure....

So where did the time go? Seems like it flies by when your having fun. And that is what riding a Harley is all about. What are you waiting for? Now is good before time runs out.



“Du Rags.....Doo Rags.....Dew Rags....Durags for King Ride 2023”

It is said, “necessity is the mother of invention”. My search over the last few years to buy quality durags has been disappointing. Several were stolen a few years ago when I was on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic, others are just getting old and worn out. I decided to “take matters into my own hands” recently, found a pattern online to make a few for myself, and went to work. They turned out rather well. I used fabrics left over from a previous project in which I participated which benefitted the residents at King Veterans Home.

I still have a lot of extra “patriotically themed” fabric, some time on my hands, and an idea to raise money for the chapter’s 2023 King Ride. Between now and the ride, I will make at least 23 durags, and donate them for sale. No two will be exactly alike. \$15.00 per durag. 100% of sales will go to the King Ride fund. They will be available at the next meeting, and during registration on the day of the King Ride. Below is a picture of a few already completed.





The recent chapter ride to Michigan went VERY well. No breakdowns, no one needed any medical care, some of us only got lost once, most of the time we stayed together as a group. Quite impressive. Many thanks to Maury Weise for organizing the trip, and making the turn by turn directions available [in both digital and printed formats]. Many thanks to Scott Boehlen and Stephen Seljan for “sweeping”, and to Fran and Su following us in an SUV chase vehicle. And many thanks to all riders for making this ride fun and safe.

This is the time of year when the risk of crashing into a deer is highest. Please be extremely careful when riding, especially on country roads where deer in the foliage are difficult to see, and their behavior is unpredictable..



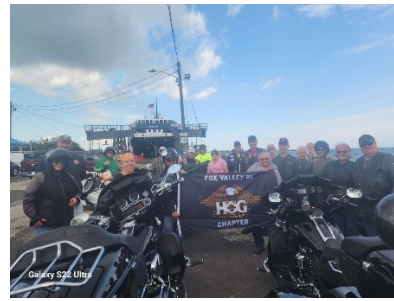
## Fox Valley Hog Chapter Ride to Mackinac Island

On Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> Twenty-Two Fox Valley HOG Chapter members met for a three-night ride to Mackinac Island. As the ride leader I wanted to be the first to arrive to help with the sign-in process. To my surprise six bikes were already there, and I was 35 minutes early! Talk about eager beavers! By the set arrival time came around we had a total of 22 members on 16 bikes enthusiastically ready for the fun to begin.

After a pre-ride briefing, we headed out for a 54-mile ride to the Badger Ferry in Manitowoc with a quick lunch stop at Subway. We had a beautiful day for sailing with sunny skies, calm water, and temperatures in the high 60'S. The four-hour cruise from Manitowoc to Ludington Michigan went by fast as many participated in playing Right, Left, Center and dice game Ship, Captain, Crew. I'm sure the laughter and yelling were heard all around us.



Pre-Ride Briefing at Appleton Harley



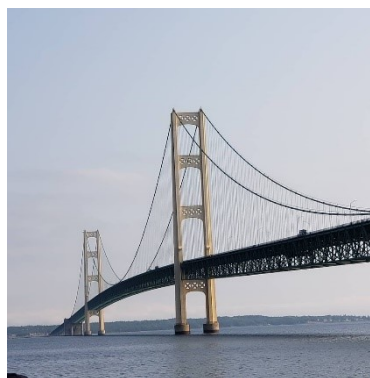
Waiting to board the SS Badger

Upon docking at Ludington, we rode 35 miles to the Super 8 in Manistee for our first night's stay. Many members went to China Buffet for a group dinner before retiring for the night.

**Sunday** came quickly as we departed the hotel at 8:15 am for our 237-mile ride up the western shore of the state. We stopped at eight points of interest on our way to the Best Western in St Ignace Michigan, our hotel for the next two nights. Inspiration Point, Point Betsie Lighthouse, Philip Hart Visitor Center, Sleeping Bear Dunes, Good Hart General Store and Legg's Inn were some of the highlights. Not to steal the thunder from the famous "Tunnel of Trees", a scenic, twisty road challenge. We nailed it! Plus, all riders overcame some nervousness and survived riding the "Mighty Mac", the fifth longest suspension bridge in the world!



Tunnel Of Trees



Mackinac Bridge



Chapter Members Scott and Amber

**Sunday** dinner at Mackinac Grill started with a social hour. More laughter, stories and camaraderie filled the crowded restaurant. The staff was very accommodating in setting up additional tables for our large group.

**Monday's** agenda was spending the day on Mackinac Island. Even though we could have walked the .3 mile from the hotel to the ferry dock, Shepler Ferry sent two complimentary shuttles to transport us. Our group took horse drawn carriage tours, went shopping, rented bicycles to explore the island, satisfied our appetites with food and drink and soaked up a lot of history. Dinner was held in our hotel by having pizza delivered, sharing alcoholic drinks with beer, wine, and liquor. Party on! Very cool how members were eager to share their purchases with others. Jean even brought in her Bluetooth speaker, so we had tunes to listen to. More laughter, more stories and more fun were had by all.



Main Street on Mackinac Island

Our carriage. "Texas" was our driver

**Tuesday** started with a 9:00 am departure from our hotel. We rode 275 miles starting on US-2 along the shores of Lake Michigan to M-35, hugging the shores of Green Bay before taking US-41 the rest of the way to the Valley. Beautiful, blue-colored waters greeted us. A lunch stop at Drifters Restaurant in Escanaba gave us fuel for the last leg of our trip home.



D, Bill, and Scott forged knives from a railroad spike!  
Trees checkpoint



Our members bikes at Legg's Inn, Tunnel of

***If you were not one of the twenty-two-chapter members on this ride you really missed a great time! So, be sure to sign up early when the next overnigher is announced. Where will we go next? I'm sure it will be someplace exciting. If you have a destination in mind, please share your thoughts with any chapter officer or Road Captain.***

Maury Wiese

**July 5, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 6:30M by Director Jean Callaway  
New Members - Kris Mielke not present, wife of Tim  
Members in attendance 37 , online 14 for a total of 51 - WELCOME!

Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Moment of Silence for all those who have lost their lives and given to our country

**Minutes of the June meeting** were approved as presented in the newsletter

**Important Items:**

- \* HD 120th Parade is July 16th, Signup if interested in parade pass thru dealership
- \* Adam Sandoval Ride - July 8th. Looking for volunteers to lead ride from FDL to Appleton - Bike Give away after ride
- \* Timber Rattlers Game - Aug. 22nd, 6:30PM, Signup and talk with Donna for details
- \* June Challenge was the Cheese Tic-Tac-Toe
- \* Group Ride for Milwaukee HD 120th - Steve  
Will take place Thurs. July 13 at 9AM. Route along lake and not on highways. Approx. 5 1/2 hours to complete all the dealerships for chips including lunch stop and dropping things off at hotel for those staying. Will post on FaceBook
- \* Poker Run signup deadline is today (July 5th) - check with Amber to make sure you are signup if you don't remember

**Dealership Updates - Shelley**

\* Adam Sandoval ride coming to AHD on Sat. July 8th from Open Road HD and then to the Best Western Hotel in Green Bay. Bike giveaway after the ride  
Ride will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Josh will be matching up to \$500 for donations collected

\* Indoor Sidewalk Sale - \$10 and up racks of discontinued clothing and other items

30% off of 120th Anniversary gear and clothing



\* Used bikes on sale - come in and look around

\* HD Membership updates shared by Shelley from the company. See sheet with details

\*AHD Rewards are going away, will end this month and no longer available after 12/31

\* Visa HD card is linked to your membership and you can earn extra points. See HD .com for details or call the number on the back of your card

\* 120th Anniversary is coming up next week and the dealership has several parade passes to give to employees and then to chapter members who are interested. Parade is July 16th

\* AHD rides have been successful and the next one is to Damm Yankees

#### **Jean Callaway - Director updates**

\* Activities report has been updated and list form and will have more details and color coding in the future. Please be patient - we are working on it

\* Brat Shed - Sept. 9th, 2023 will be manned by the Chapter Members - We will need your HELP, Please Volunteer

Also the day of the Rummage Sale for members and other people to sell your treasures

\* Mackinaw Island Weekend Adventure is beginning July 8th leaving the dealership parking lot at 10:15AM

\* If you are having problems getting into your HD App, uninstall and reinstall

#### **Safety Officer Paul Treder -**

Paul was not at the meeting but wanted to alert everyone about heat illness while riding. Remember to take breaks and get in the shade and stay well hydrated. Wearing light colored clothing also helps.

Smoke from wild fires in Canada can cause concerns with limited visibility and poor air quality

**Charity Committee, Amber Boehlen -**

\* King Run on Sunday August 20th is coming up soon.  
\* Working on Raffle Baskets and some smaller items are needed to fill the baskets. Amber has a wish list if you are interested in helping out

\* Amazing Quilt that Marcia Meidam handmade.

Tickets for the raffling of this quilt and other basket raffles will be available the day of the event (Sun. Aug. 20th)

Thank you to Jane Bonnell , Dawn and Karen for donating boxes for raffle items.

\* Pre-Ride will be Aug. 12th.

\* Check Delivery to the WI Veterans Home will be Wed. Sept. 6th, when we can stop and visit with the veterans in person.

\* Next year's King Ride will be May 19, 2024

**DRAWING for Tic -Tac -Toe Cheese Challenge - Winners are:**

"D" - Seat cover

Maury - Water bottle

Tim Mielke- Koozie

Tim Mielke- Water bottle

Amber B. - Seat Cover

Mike V. - Koozie

There will be no challenge for July - **RIDE and HAVE FUN!!**

**Challenge for August will be to Bring a non-chapter person on the King Ride**

**\* MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS -**

\* July 22nd Ride with the Lights to benefits Police Officers and their families

\* July 22nd - American Tribute Ride to benefit Fire, Police, EMS and their families who have fallen in the line of duty

\* Steve was wondering if anyone was interested in doing long rides like the Iron Butt etc. where you ride 1,000 - 1,500 miles to earn patches, pins and badges.

\* FROGG Ride on July 6th will be to Mickey Lu's in Marinette

**Coffee Fund** - Monies collected was \$110.00 with \$54.00 going to the chapter general fund. Winner number one was Leon Meidam of \$28.00, and second winner was Tim Mielke of \$28.00 and he donated to the King Ride Congratulations!!!

**Big Bin Winner** - Amount for July 5th of \$25.00 was Curt Krause who was not in attendance ( Sorry) Amount for the Aug. 1st meeting will be \$50.

Thank you and LET's Ride

Meeting adjourned at 7:06PM

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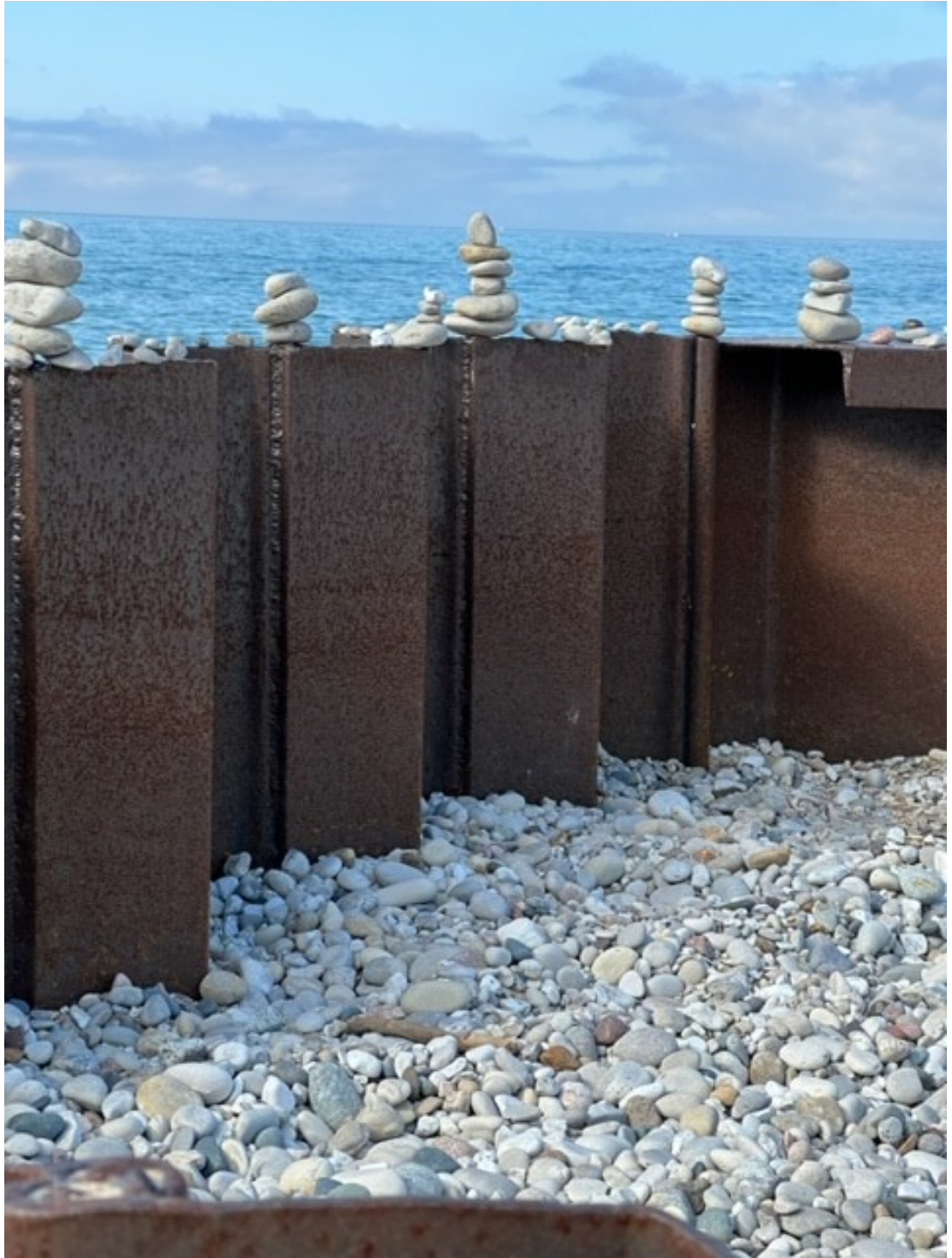














## 2023 H.O.G. Rallies are Off and Running

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

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

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

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

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

<b>June 2023 Financial Summary</b>	<b>3,636.26</b>
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Checking	929.54
Savings	1,029.68
Savings - Year End Party	536.45
Savings - Fun Run	185.55
Savings - King	278.49
Savings - Memorial Brick	611.55
Petty Cash	65.00

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

*less anticipated future payouts*

<i>Remaining account</i>	<b>3,636.26</b>
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A look a little  
farther into the  
Future and Other  
Tidbits.

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

SAVE THE DATES!

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

Next month—Drought

**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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