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December brings the hustle and bustle of the holidays and unfortunately not much riding. It also brings the end of the year, a time for revisiting and reliving what we have accomplished. I look back at 12 months as the Director and need to thank those around me, and before, me for any accomplishments that have occurred. I have been outside my comfort zone since I started riding and accepting the role of Director was also not something I ever envisioned. I'm not sure who "ROBERT" is or why his rules were chosen by HOG/Harley for us to follow, I doubt we would have been friends. I've been a critical care nurse for 38 years and Robert's rules were never part of what I needed to do. You would die if I had to wait for someone to second my motion, have discussion and count the vote before I could do what I wanted to save you. All I can say is I'm trying, and grateful for those who know ROBERT's rules. The fact that we are all so different is one of the best parts of this chapter and one of the challenges. I'm amazed at how many different types of people all have riding Harleys in common. It's been a pleasure working with everyone and I look forward to doing many exciting adventures in the next year.

HOG has released the rides, rallies and picture stops for 2024. Start planning now. Check [members.harley-davidson.com](http://members.harley-davidson.com) for your mileage standing in the nation and chapter. Mileage will need to be read when you start riding again for 2024 for starting mileage.

Be sure to check dealerships that you have purchased items from over the years. You may be surprised, as myself and Amber were, that we each had \$25 to spend at Vandervest that would have expired at the end of the year. Also remember the promo cards for \$50 and \$100 expire quickly.

The holiday party will be Sunday January 28 at the Capital Centre in Appleton at 12:30 with the meal at 1. Games, prizes and white elephant exchange. Details and sign up at the January gathering. Be sure to turn in your activity cards by January 2.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from me to you  
Respectfully your Director Jean



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### News this month:

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Ho Ho Ho. Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

Our final celebrations for 2023 and then its onto 2024.

What's on your list for next year? Resolutions? Of course. Keeping them past January 15th? Questionable.

But I do hope to keep a few going into 2024, like my constant battle with weight. And riding more. That about covers it, I think.

2024 promises to be memorable. 2024 is a presidential election year so we'll be bombarded with slimy adverts telling us how bad the other candidate is and will be. By October, you'll have forgotten that every other TV ad used to be for accident lawyers. You know, one call.... I do encourage all of you to vote.

This time of year is also the time of need. Fox Valley HOG spends much time working and raising funds for Veterans, a cause that's easy to get behind, I think. But there's so much more need in our community. We proudly ring bells for the Salvation Army, our schedule at Walgreens fills instantly. I'm sure many of you work through other groups to help fill the need. Thanks to everyone who takes their time and money to give others a hand up.

Our Chapter has a long list of terrific ideas for rides in 2024 and sometime in January we'll whittle it down and build a calendar. Not as bad as sausage making, but it gets done. When the date and location get set, come on down to be sure your favorites get a spot and a ride leader. And please step up to help plan our next adventures!

And thanks to all of our new and returning officers. We're all here to Ride and Have Fun. So let's get started! Now is good.

## Mileage Corner

As of Saturday, December 9, 2023, our chapter is ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in our region and 40<sup>th</sup> in National. This is amazing! National has our chapter listed with 434,211 miles ridden for those members you are in the 2023 mileage challenge.

Based on the Harley National Mileage report, I did send out an email to members that appeared to have not have a year end total for 2023 in miles.

If you are not participating in the National Mileage or Chapter mileage – that is totally ok. However, if you wanted to be part of the mileage challenge you may want to work with the dealership or Harley National to get your account current.

Any dealership can record your miles. You need to check with that dealership on when the last day they will read and ENTER your miles on the national site.

On the National website, you can see what was recorded for you. Log into your account, then go to Ride 365. It will show; (1) your personal Lifetime miles, (2) your annual miles, (3) and the Chapter total miles. Today as I was looking at our details, I found that I was only 58 miles from earning my next badge from National. Ugh.

At the chapter annual party in January, details of our mileage will be shared.

Donna

Have a wonderful 2024 riding season.

Donna





Some tips, by dispelling myths, for care of your motorcycle for those of us who do not ride in the winter, courtesy of:

<https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/content/expert-advice/how-to-guides/motorcycle-winter-storage-myths-mistakes.html>

## Motorcycle Winter Storage Myths: Avoid These Common Storage Mistakes

October 11, 2023

Having to put your bike away for the winter is bad enough for avid riders. But, the last thing you want is to find come springtime is a bike that's in worse shape than when you first put it away.

Unfortunately, as with any area of motorcycle maintenance, there are some motorcycle storage myths floating around that can lead to unfortunate consequences. As you get ready to winterize and stow away your bike, be sure to avoid these common mistakes and ensure that your bike is ready to hit the road when the cold season finally comes to an end.

### MYTH #1 - YOU SHOULD DRAIN THE FUEL TANK

Leaving your bike's fuel tank empty makes it susceptible to corrosion and can dry out its seals. Instead of draining the tank, fill the tank before you stow your bike away and add a high-quality fuel stabilizer according to the manufacturer's instructions. This additive will help keep fuel from breaking down and clogging parts while making sure your fuel tank can stay full.

### MYTH #2 – ANY KIND OF MOTORCYCLE COVER WILL DO

Using a cover made from durable and *breathable* material is crucial to preventing the build-up of moisture on your bike's surface during storage. That means avoiding low-quality materials and items not intended to be used as motorcycle covers, like tarps.

Some riders, in an attempt to avoid moisture build-up or save on costs, will opt to forgo a cover altogether. This approach, particularly when done outside, leaves your bike exposed to the elements as well as accidents. Instead, we highly recommend investing in a quality motorcycle cover—it's a simple way to help protect your investment for more than just one season.

### MYTH #3 – YOU SHOULD START YOUR BIKE UP ONCE A WEEK

There's a misguided bit of conventional wisdom we often see that tells riders to fire up their bike about once per week during winter to warm it up, keep it in shape, or prevent the battery from dying. Our advice: do not start your bike in winter unless you plan to take it out for a ride. It takes a lot of energy to start your bike in the cold. And it's getting it up to normal operating temperature and taking it for a ride that actually provides some benefits to your bike: It's during a ride that your battery will recharge and that harmful moisture will be heated away .

When you're not riding your bike, rather than occasionally starting it up or disconnecting the battery altogether, simply connect your battery to a Harley-Davidson Dual Mode Battery Charger. Our dual mode battery chargers are ideal for short- or long-term motorcycle battery charging needs. These chargers are completely automatic. You can leave these chargers plugged in 24/7 with no worries of overcharging.



## MYTH #4 – IT'S FINE TO STORE A DIRTY BIKE

This mistake is simple to understand, but it's still made by too many riders. Failing to thoroughly clean your bike before long-term storage doesn't just mean you'll have more work to do in spring. Instead, it often means your bike will come out the other side of winter looking even worse, as all that dirt and grime continues working its way into the bike's materials and begins to cause corrosion. We recommend conducting a thorough cleaning of your bike before storing it.

## MYTH #5 - YOU SHOULD REMOVE YOUR MOTORCYCLE'S BATTERY

Removing your motorcycle's battery is not only unnecessary, but it still may lead to the battery self-discharging. The best approach (during both winter and other longer-term storage periods) is to properly install a dual mode battery charger that will help maintain and prolong the life of your battery.

## MYTH #6 – YOU SHOULD OVERINFLATE YOUR BIKE'S TIRES

Filling motorcycle tires with too much air places undue pressure on the tires and can lead to cracking in cold conditions. More commonly, it can lead to flat spots forming on the tires. As part of your storage preparation, be sure to check for proper inflation as dictated by your owner's manual. And to avoid the risk of flat spots further, store your motorcycle on a center stand. However, if you don't have a proper stand, be sure to rotate your tires at least once per month during the storage period.

## MYTH #7 - MOTORCYCLE SECURITY DOESN'T MATTER IN THE WINTER

Unfortunately, bike thieves don't take the winter off. Keep your bike safe no matter where it's being stored with the right motorcycle locks and anti-theft measures like security systems.

Stay warm, stay safe. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year.



**December 5, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 6:30M by Director Jean Callaway

New Members - Kathy Helgeson, from Wild Rose and rides a 2016 Deluxe and Bryan Langfeldt who has been riding for 25 years

Members in attendance 35 , online 11 for a total of 46 - WELCOME!

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

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

**Welcome to Terry, Service Manager at AHD**

- \* Discounts for services
- \* Can service old bikes
- \* Five (5) Master Technicians
- \* Have your bike serviced for safety issues, tighten all bolts and overview done

**Jean Callaway -**

- \* Thank you to all Members who did Bell Ringing
- \* Thank you to everyone who did Gift Wrapping - \$80 donations for King
- \* Brain Storming ideas for 2024 still being gathered  
Picnic, Holiday Party, Off riding season activities,
- \* Planning Meeting date undetermined at this time
- \* Lake Superior Ride - June 27-30
- \* Great River Road Trip - July 11-14
- \* King Ride - May 18, 2024 (Saturday)
  - Richard - Community 1st Candy Bar Sales
  - Donna , King Contact
  - Donna & Amber - Co- Chairs
  - Sam - route for ride
  - Maury & Kaye - Fund Raising ideas
  - Gregg & Kathy - People Contacts

**Activity Cards -**

Don't forget to turn in your activity cards for 2023, must be in no later than Jan. meeting

- \* Officers have considered the idea of eliminating the activity cards and members would only get credit if you plan or organize an event or activity
- \*\*Motion by Bubbles, seconded by Sam** to discontinue the activity cards for activities and only use membership cards and only people planning or organizing an event would earn credit Ayes- 28, Noes- 6, Abstain-1

**Pizza Party(free) - January Meeting**

\* Signup to register for membership for 2024 at cost of \$12

**LOH - Donna -**

\* Annual Holiday Party will be on Sunday Jan. 28th from 12:30 - 6PM with dinner at 1pm at the Capital Centre in Appleton -

\* Social Time followed by Game Stations (6) everyone participating will have name put in for a prize drawing and then the popular White Elephant (bring a gift to get a gift)

\* **Motion by Diane, seconded by Richard** to spend up to \$1,000 for the Holiday Party for door prizes and any unused funds to be returned to the chapter  
Motion approved unanimously

**Dealership Updates Alyssa**

\* Grinch Day was very successful

\* Twelve(12) Days of Christmas taking place thru Dec.17th - Different items on sale each day

\* Extended hours on Dec. 24th - returning to regular hours after Jan.

\* HOG Mileage program - Remember to turn in your mileage no later than Dec. 30th

\* AHD Tour Rides will continue in 2024 with a total of 6 Wednesday rides.- dealership is asking chapter for help with leisure lanes and also throughout the ride for safety in doing group rides

\* Maury will work with road captains and other chapter members to organize rides

\* Rewards will be available to anyone who participates and helps out throughout the year and dealership is still working out the details

\* Food, Raffles and prizes are available at these AHD tour rides and many chapter members have won great prizes

**John Long Memorial Ride**

\* Date is still up in the air and waiting for the people at the Memorial Park to get back to us. Tentative dates of Sat. June 8 and Sunday, June 2nd for placing brick at the park in memory of John Long

\* Getting pricing on a patch like was done for member Stacey

**Miscellaneous -**

\* Norscot catalog is available for anyone interested in getting merchandise

\*Cindy and John available for those members who did the Poker Ride stops and will start drawing for the best poker hands at the December and January meetings. Bring your pictures printed out on paper, (Not on your phones, etc.) Even if you did not do all the stops you can still draw a poker hand( must have at least 2)

\*\* There will be another Poker Ride in Spring of 2024

\* Kaye had everyone in attendance guess the money raised for Bell Ringing and amount raised was \$857.30

Randy Cook was the closest without going over and received a gift

Kaye also gave a gift card with a drawing for everyone who did bell ringing and Charles Janssen was the winner

\* Frogg Luncheon for Dec. 13th will be at the Outpost in Shorewood at 11:30 AM  
January 10th the Frogg Luncheon will be at Hometown Pub & Grub, at 154 Main St. in Campbellsport

Feb. 14 luncheon will be at El Jaripeo at 1727 Freedom Rd, Little chute 54140

\*Thank you to outgoing officers Richard Thomson and Paul Treder for all you work and time. December is transition month and new officers will begin duties in January

\* February will be ROC training for new officers and veteran officers and will be in Brookfield, WI

\*Donna announced that two people at tonight's meeting will be lucky if they get the plate with an "X" for a special gift card

**Coffee Fund** - Monies collected was \$105.00 with \$53.00 going to the chapter general fund. Winner number one was Chi Whitemarsh of \$26.00 donating amount to the King Ride, and second winner was "D" of \$26.00  
Congratulations!!!

**Big Bin Winner** - Amount for Dec.5th of \$50.00 was John Sternhagen who was not in attendance ( Sorry) Amount for the Jan. 2nd meeting will be \$75.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM

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#### Mark Duvernell Bio:

I got my first motorcycle in 1991 (pictured) after having a long fever for motorcycles that wouldn't break. Riding is my happy-place. I've seen a lot of this great country since then. I've ridden through most of the states. A few things have changed in life, and with my riding since then. I got married. Had kids. They're all adults, now. This is my 3rd HOG chapter across 3 states, and the first one where I volunteered to step up and fill an officer position (starting in 2021.) That has been largely rewarding for me to be a

part of something bigger within the chapter. Over the years my bikes got bigger, then bigger, then smaller, then bigger... Currently I have a Street Glide and a long custom springer chopper. The fever for motorcycles still won't break. But I don't mind. I just keep medicating that fever with riding time.



Hi, I'm Maury Wiese. I'm a lifelong resident of Fox Valley. I'm married to Shirley and have three daughters. I'm a retired owner of a small business, yet always busy, splitting my time between Wisconsin and Fort Myers Florida. I'm one who can't sit still. If you ask Shirley, she'll tell you I'm trying to wear her out! In my spare time I enjoy camping, downhill skiing, golf, reading, traveling, and vacationing, or listening to music. That is, if you can pry me off the Harley! My current ride is a 2020 Ultra Limited that I keep here, and a 2022 Street Glide Special that I keep in Florida. I've been riding motorcycles since 1986, and a member of Fox Valley HOG since 2004. I'm a fan of the Packers, Brewers and Badgers in that order. I'm glad to be a part time resident of Wisconsin, as I do appreciate the woods, lakes, riding some twisty back roads, and changes of seasons, even though I'm not a big fan of the cold! Hope to see you out

there on the road!

Hi everyone,

My name is Amber Boehlen and I am the treasurer for the Fox Valley HOG Chapter. My husband, Scott, and I purchased our first HD in 2020...thank you Covid for shutting down the world. We made the best of it and while businesses were closed, we sure enjoyed each other's company and enjoyed getting out and going riding. We joined the chapter; however, there was only one in person chapter meeting before everything went virtual. While we didn't have any friends with bikes, we opted to just do our own thing.

Fast forward three years:

- \*We have gone on multiple overnight trips
- \*Even more day trips
- \*Met so many amazing people
- \*Participated in our first HD rally, while representing the chapter
- \*Traveled to places we didn't know existed in our own state and
- \*We had our first 10,000+ mile season.

Thanks to everyone who has welcomed us into the chapter and included us on so many events. I can't wait to see what 2024 has in store for us personally and our chapter.



I am Scott Boehlen and thrilled to be taking over as our Chapter Safety Officer. I learned to ride on my Kawasaki KD100 dirt bike when I was about 10 years old. At that time, safety was my last concern when I was riding. All I wanted to do at that time was do wheelies and take jumps. I learned there is a lot more to riding than just that. My love for riding continued with some import bikes in my high school and college years. I then took over 20 years off of riding when family life and kids took my main precedent. As my kids got older, my need to get back riding became fulfilled. It had always been a dream of mine to own a Harley. This dream came true when we purchased our first Harley, Cosmo, in 2020.

Amber and I love to ride any chance we can. We have enjoyed several overnight and day rides, which we have been part of. We have made many new friends as a result of our involvement in the Chapter. We knew we wanted to be a part of HOG as soon as we purchased our bike.

One of my biggest thrills in riding was last year when Amber and I represented our chapter and carried the chapter flag in the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade. I look forward to participating in many more

Hello, Diane Lemke here. I have been a HOG Member since 1997. I decided riding behind on Paul's bike was not for me and decided in 2000 to get my motorcycle license. I started riding on a 750 Yamaha and worked up to my first 2003 HD Low rider and now currently drive a 2010 Street Glide. I have over 124,000 miles on this bike and thoroughly enjoy the ride. I have been the secretary of FV Chapter for several years. Before joining FV Chapter I held officer positions in the Open Road Chapter. I enjoy gardening, cake decorating, walking and making maple syrup in the Spring.



### Mike Smith

Hi everyone, I've been the Newsletter Editor for few years now, I really enjoy putting the news together and writing a bit about whatever strikes my fancy. It's very cathartic. Been riding since about 1978, took a break from about 1985 to 2003 and then riding ever since. Lexie, my wife and I are on our 5th Harley, a 2021 Trike. I'm still working, I manage medical engineering departments at several Fox Valley facilities. I'm also retiring in late 2024, yea! I also teach medical electronics and x-ray service at NWTC in Green Bay part time.

When I can, I build woodworking projects in my basement workshop. I like long rides, overnight trips and I'm pretty sure we're headed to Sturgis in 2024.



## Ladies of Harley – Bio for Donna Van Landghen

My husband is Mike and when I met him, he had a motorcycle and a motocross one. Like most young families, back then we sold these motorcycles for family and moved to boating. When our daughter was in high school, we purchased a motorcycle (a couple) and then in 2011 I wanted to learn to ride my own.



I really enjoy riding my own. My riding has taken me to Arkansas along with some current chapter members where we met an

amazing group of people from their local chapter, a Women's National rally where we attempted a women's record of riders, several other ladies events, several HOG rallies and again meeting some wonderful people from other chapters. One thing to know about me is I don't like being cold and bundling up where I feel uncomfortable riding and riding in the rain.

My current bike is a 2006 Heritage, and I love this bike. The color is black cherry, but the tank is like one of Elvis's so how could you not love it, lol. How many people have pictures of their bike but none of you and your bike. I have pics of Mike and my friends on their bikes, kinda-funny.

I joined the chapter and have met many friends over all the years. I have taken on officer roles of Treasurer, Activities, Membership and Ladies of Harley. When my work-job doesn't interfere with riding, I will also lead rides and sweep for the chapter. During these lead rides you just might still see me using post-it-notes for my route.





Hey everyone,

My name is Jane Eastman and I'm in charge of the activities calendars for the Chapter and in the AHD lobby. I've always been interested in motorcycles and learned to ride when I was 14 years old on a Suzuki dirt bike that was kept on my grandparents land in Wild Rose. Needless to say, I mastered the art of wiping out in the sand on tight turns. I used to love riding on the back of others' motorcycles but in 2005, my former husband decided to purchase a Heritage Softail Classic and we both immediately went to get our motorcycle licenses. I ended up completing the course before he did, so I took the bike back and forth to work for a while. With the limited amount of experience I had at the time, the Heritage was just too large of a bike for me to handle safely. Since our financial situation back then wouldn't allow us to get a second bike better suited for me, I had to put my dream of riding my own bike on the back burner for a few years.

After moving back to Wisconsin in 2018, I decided I couldn't put my dreams on hold any longer. I found out my cousin was selling his wife's Sportster XL1200 Custom since she could no longer ride and I told him if her bike hadn't sold by Spring, I would buy

it. Then in March 2019, my son and daughter-in-law surprised me with that same bike for my birthday and my passion for riding was instantly reignited. I rode nearly 6,000 miles during the 3-1/2 years I owned that beautiful bike which was a very memorable time in my life. In August 2023, I upgraded to a Street Glide Special that I call "Charley". I purchased Charley from another Chapter member who unfortunately lost his battle with cancer on October 8, 2023. I ride now in his memory.

I joined the Fox Valley Wisconsin HOG Chapter in January 2023 at a friend and fellow Chapter member's advice. Can't begin to thank you enough, Amber Boehlen! I've met some really great people during my first year with this awesome group of riding enthusiasts. I rode on a number of day-long and 4-day trips with them to places I've always wanted to visit, participated in some incredible fundraising events and have made many wonderful lasting memories this year. Can't wait to see what the future holds for me, Charley and our amazing Chapter!



<b>November 2023 Financial Summary</b>	<b>3,124.62</b>
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Checking	797.24
Savings	1,062.94
Savings - Year End Party	271.59
Savings - Fun Run	213.60
Savings - King	102.55
Savings - Memo- rial Brick	611.70
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>3,124.62</b>
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SAVE THE DATES!

Great Lakes Rally  
June 6-8, 2024  
Chippewa Falls, WI

Sturgis  
August 2-11, 2024

Mississippi River Ride  
July 11-14

Next month—It never ends

**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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