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January brings with it the new year and resolutions to do more of this or less of that. So many options for areas to improve. My resolution or goal is to see how things go in the coming year. No promises or pressure.

This is the time of year Bill and I use to plan our vacation weeks. The advantage of being old means more vacation weeks. Bill brought it to my attention that after we complete our trip in June we will have ridden our motorcycles in 48 states and 4 Canadian Provinces. So many memories and experiences that would have never happened before we started riding. I honestly don't have a favorite ride or place we have been to. More like a top 25 and growing.

So far there is no place I would tell anyone not to go that we have been to. I am a huge fan of the 50 rides one Nation and 10 for 24 that HOG started doing in 2020. These have given us reasons to travel to places we would have never thought to visit. We also have revisited some places just to get the chip. The goal is to get all 50 states so we can get a rivet at the museum with our names on it. So far there are 25 HOG members that have done all 50. We have 30 states so far and hope to add 10 more in June.

We also hope to figure out our intercom system during the off season. We purchased Lexin devices last year to use when riding. It can be used in any helmet and is easily removed if not needed. They keep a charge for 8 hours. I can listen to my music or the radio in my helmet. It can be used as an intercom. These are the things we know how to use. We need to figure out how to use the calling system to make phone calls and we will be set.

The challenge for me now is not to buy things that I **might** need for traveling. I will pack and repack several times before the first trip happens.



Looking forward to the Party January 28 and officer training February 24.

Check the chapter calendar online to see the events that have been planned for the coming year.. the calendar is always open to add events by anyone who wants to plan an event for the chapter to do. Just contact Jane.

Respectfully your Director,
Jean Callaway



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News this month:

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It never ends....

Winter that is. It means to me it's time to work on the mundane. You know, the stuff that doesn't get done in riding season.

We all know when the weather is tolerable, we're riding. Which means I neglect things around the house, since that would detract from perfectly good riding time. So this time of year, not only can't I ride, I'm forced to deal with projects around the house.

Take painting for example. I hate painting. It's messy, mind-numbing tedious, and disruptive. Gotta move all the furniture, cover everything in plastic sheets, and clean up after. Counting pennies from the change jar is more fun.

While I'm on the topic of tedium, here's another—moving. I hate moving. Packing all your stuff, finding or buying boxes, deciding to keep, toss, or sell. It's ugly. Hiring or conning people to help get your stuff from one place to the next. Painting is more fun.

These two things always seem to go together, too. I've moved 14 times since college, so I have experience here.

So our winter project is painting the primary bedroom this winter. Can hardly wait.

I surely hope your winter projects are better than mine. Maybe a few bike upgrades, updating your riding wardrobe or maybe going to a motorcycle event, like Mama Tried.

So I can't wait for spring so I can resume ignoring household projects and get back to riding. Anytime now would be good.

By the way, Lexie and I doing Sturgis this year, leaving July 27 and returning August 5th. We have reservations in Custer. I figure arriving on 7/28 in the afternoon. Leaving 8/3 and home 8/4. Yes, we're there before the rally starts and that's a good thing, Rally begins 8/1, it'll be a day or two of light crowds and traffic. Pretty much freeway both ways. Anyone else interested? Custer is the doorstep to the Park and monuments and when you do want to visit Rapid City, Sturgis or other points north, you're going the other way from traffic.

For 2025, who might be interested in a late springtime ride to Tail of the Dragon? It's two days ride to get there and back, so maybe a 9 day trip total. Visit the Tail of course, Gatlinburg and other touristy places in the area, plus riding the Smokies. Thinking of staying around Marysville mostly and day-riding to attractions. Leave May 17th, back on 25th? (25th is the day before Memorial Day)



THE SAFETY ZONE:

Helmets:

*Take a look at your equipment during our downtime in Wisconsin

*Helmet life is 5 years for warranty.

*Check straps, screws on visor, shell for damage, and foam for cracks or deterioration.

*Check inside liner for hair care product residue, clean if necessary.

*Placing anything on the helmet could result in the breakdown of the shell material. (Stickers/ changing the color/etc.)

*DOT or Snell label shows the helmet was made to the highest standards and will provide adequate protection.

*When traveling, check which states require helmets, etc. Laws change often, check before traveling.

Google: helmet laws by state - law tigers

January 2, 2024

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

New Members - Bryan Langfeldt who has been riding over 20 years and currently rides a 2012 Ultra Limited

Members in attendance 47 , online 12 for a total of 59 - 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 December meeting were approved as presented in the newsletter

Jean Callaway -

* Turn in your 2023 membership activity cards before Jan. 14th for random drawing in the different categories at the Holiday Party on Jan. 28th

* Planning Meeting date has been changed to Jan. 7th from 11-2PM at the Riding Academy , everyone is welcome

* New in 2024 if you want to earn rewards you will need to have the HD App on your phone or computer- only in digital to get points

Award levels begin at 1,000 miles, 2,500 miles, 5,000 miles and 7,500 miles for digital badge. 10,000 miles, 15,000 miles and 20,000 miles for digital badge, certificate and patch

25,000 - 100,000 miles for digital badge, certificate, patch and challenge coin
Check app for participating dealerships and take picture as required for the 365 mileage program. You must have your HD credit card and App linked to receive the points and dollars

* Lake Superior Ride - June 27-30

* Great River Road Trip - July 11-14

* King Ride - May 18, 2024 (Saturday)

LOH - Donna -

* Our Chapter won 7th place overall in our region

Average miles per person overall in the national was 45,000 miles

*Annual Holiday Party will be on Sunday Jan. 28th from 12:30 - 6PM with dinner at 1pm at the Capital Centre in Appleton - Cost is \$25 per person, Sunday, Jan. 7th is cutoff date

* 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)

*Mileage drawing will be at the Holiday Party and by random drawing in each category

*Poker Run winners will be announced at the Holiday Party.

*Door prizes will be presented to Chapter Members in attendance

Planning meeting -

Sunday, Jan. 7th from 11-2PM at the Riding Academy. No meal, you can bring a snack

This is to set the calendar of events and activities for 2024

Dealership Updates Alyssa

*Promotions include 10% off on lighting packages and also stage 10& 2 updates

*\$50 off on Super Shocks which will end Jan. 6, 2024

* Jan. 24th will be the Reveal date for new model bikes - No special event planned

John Long Memorial Ride

*Previous dates mentioned before have not worked out and looking at new dates and will keep you updated

Miscellaneous -

* Norscot catalog is available for anyone interested in getting merchandise

*Hog Rallies for 2024 are on the Website

*Officer training is coming up in February and 6 Chapter Officers and 2 People from the dealership will be attending

*Jean suggested new idea of bringing maps, magazines, brochures etc. to the chapter meeting to share with other chapter members. You can take home or swap out

*RUSH Ride is June 16-21 and you can get information at their website of Rushllc.org or contact Diane if you have questions

*Midwest Ladies ride to Woodstock in Illinois is 1st weekend in May and coincides with May Women's Month

Safety Officer - Scott Boehlen -

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* **Frogg Luncheon** for Jan. 10th will be at the Hometown Pub & Grub, at 11:30 AM

at 154 Main St. in Campbellsport

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

Meet & Greet - Kaye Rogers

Jan.24th at Tanners in Appleton meeting at 5:45 PM and eating at 6PM

Coffee Fund - Monies collected was \$71.00 with \$35.00 going to the chapter general fund. Winner number one was Scott Boehlen of \$18.00 , and second winner was Julie Johnson of \$18.00 Congratulations!!!

Big Bin Winner - Amount for Jan.2nd of \$75.00 was William Bonnell who was in attendance. Amount for the Feb, 6th meeting will be \$25.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM

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My wife Anna and I moved from Atlanta last year to be closer to family. Since we both work from home we felt it was a good move for us. I was a road captain for the Killer Creek HOG chapter out of Roswell Ga. I really enjoy overnight and long rides and will plan several for the summer. I hold two Ironbutt and one Saddlesore certifications and plan on doing more. I enjoy playing pool and have a table in the basement with a full bar for anyone that wants to come play and have some R&R.



Hi
I'm Tom Murphy. 2023 was my fifth full season of riding.

I took to learn to ride class in the fall of 2018 and bought my 2004 Heritage Softail Classic that October.. Abbi in Motor-clothes told me to join the Hog Chapter which I did in November 2018. I don't regret the decision to join the chapter and have had a lot of fun and have provided some good entertainment as well lol.

I have ridden approximately 40,000 miles and I've had three long trips., one being to Sturgis in 2020 the year in which it was dubbed the "Super Spreader" for COVID, which it was NOT! Another long trip included the H.O.G. Old West Rally which took me all the way to Tombstone, Arizona, my first season of Riding and included the Million Day Highway and the Devil's Highway (former Route 666). Another trip was to attend a wedding in Nebraska.

In the past I have been the Webmaster for the chapter for two years. I am looking forward to being the Historian in 2024. My understanding is the chapter hasn't had one in a while, so I will see what that all entails and try to do some historical newsletter articles in the future.

This fall I actually became a part-time employee at Appleton Harley Davidson, which I love and enjoy. I also traded in my Heritage Softail Classic for a 2019 Ultra.

I am planning on many more miles and the coast to coast, H.O.G. trip in 2024.

I look forward to serving as Historian and "Let's Ride".

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| December 2023 Financial Summary | 3,277.82 |
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| Checking | 949.85 |
| Savings | 1,063.21 |
| Savings - Year End Party | 271.70 |
| Savings - Fun Run | 213.65 |
| Savings - King | 102.56 |
| Savings - Me- morial Brick | 611.85 |
| Petty Cash | 65.00 |

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

*less anticipated
future payouts*

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| <i>Remaining ac- count</i> | <i>3,277.82</i> |
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and
Goings

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!

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

Sturgis
August 1-11, 2024

Mississippi River Ride
July 11-14

Next month—Light in the tunnel

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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