



## Wolf River H.O.G. Chapter #5629 of Shawano, Wisconsin



### JANUARY 2026 Newsletter

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See Calendar of Events for more events and details.  
Check Facebook sites for last minute updates.

### Lucky Swine Ron L.



Ron was in attendance  
and won \$94.

Thank you to the High Octane Girls, Jenny McDermid and Shasta Zentz for providing Christmas Party entertainment.



Invite Your Friends to Join the Chapter!

### Stay Connected

Chapter Website: [www.WolfRiverChapter.com](http://www.WolfRiverChapter.com)  
 Chapter Facebook: [Wolf River Chapter 5629](#)  
 Members Facebook: [Wolf River Friends](#)  
 Wolf River HOG Email: [WolfRiverHOG@gmail.com](mailto:WolfRiverHOG@gmail.com)  
 Membership Email: [WolfRiverChapter@DocsHD.com](mailto:WolfRiverChapter@DocsHD.com)  
 Mileage Challenge Email: [WRHCRide365@outlook.com](mailto:WRHCRide365@outlook.com)





## **1/4/26 Chapter Meeting Updates**

### **Director (Bart Ziewacz)**

Joint Officers Meeting 1/07/2026 at 6 PM in the HOG Barn.

Bart shared that the Chapter Christmas Party is Saturday, January 10. Doors open at 2:30pm, dinner served starting at 3:30 pm, and music provided by Shasta and Jenny until 6:00 pm.

4 Officers will be attending the Regional Officers Connection in Milwaukee on 2/21/2026.

### **Assistant Director (Tigger Tanner)**

The [Great Lakes HOG Rally](#) is in Chippewa Falls from 6/11-6/13 and the Harley Homecoming is 7/9-7/12. Harley will be holding a [National HOG Rally](#) in Branson, MO on September 9-12.

### **Secretary (Don Brown)**

2026 Membership forms are available. Membership cards will be distributed at the January meeting. Though WRHC Membership is \$0, you must remain a member of HOG National all year. If your HOG National Membership lapses, your local HOG chapter membership terminates.

Thank you to all the outgoing and incoming officers. We can't do this without the help of all.

### **Road Captain (Erik Steffen)**

Erik requested to email him with any potential rides you would like to see.

### **Ladies of Harley (Karen Welter)**

LOH Holiday Bake Sale was a tremendous success. Thank you all who brought baked goods and came out to support the event. The Holiday Painting Class was a fun time for all who attended

**Business Tour Book (Lynne Duddeck)**: Lynn shared that the team has 140 envelopes that will be going out to potential participant venues.

### **Membership (Peggie Brown)**

Peggie shared that we have 99 members that have renewed for 2026 and 65 were at the meeting. Thank you to Marge Delmont, Pat Beck, and Bubb and Pat Lidke for assisting at the January meeting.

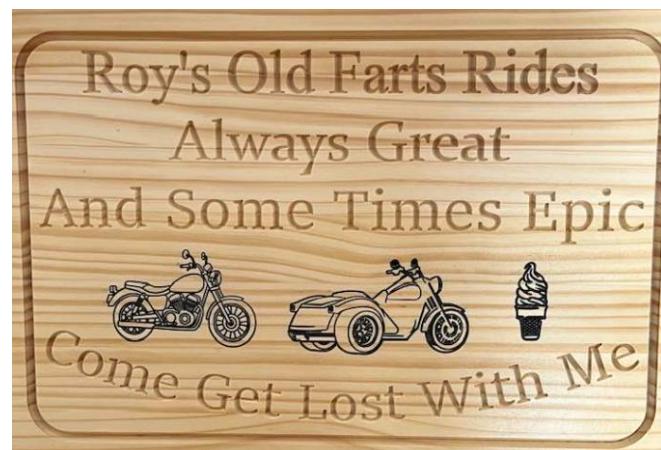
### **Editor (Jennifer Steffen)**

Please get any information you would like in the Newsletter or out to the Membership to Don Brown or Jennifer. Newsletter will be delayed this month a bit but it will be emailed around the middle of the month.

### **Old Farts Ride (Roy Powless)**

Roy thanks those that participated in the Old Farts Rides this year. He reported that we had an average of 16 people and 12 bikes this season. Roy will be planning for the coming season. Come get lost with him.

A presentation was made to Roy from the Old Fart Riders. Dave Duddek presented a wood plaque and gift certificates to Roy. "Thank you, Roy, for putting the rides together and leading them. So far I don't think we have lost anyone."





### Safety

#### State of Wisconsin Motorcycling and Traffic Safety in 2025



Safety Officer Knickerbocker makes his way to the podium shaking hands as he goes. He is here to give the State of Motorcycling Address to the Wolf River HOG Chapter. He waves to the crowd and then begins his speech. "Mr. Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Other Officers, Members, Associate Members, Honored Guests, and just plain guests. I stand before you today to share with you the state of motorcycling as it concerns the Wolf River HOG Chapter and beyond."

All in all, and considering the weather, 2025 was a reasonably good year. By good, I mean an active one, yet a reasonably safe one. Though our miles were pretty high, our major rides were basically incident free. There was only one crash fatality in our ranks, and that was not caused by the rider. But, statewide, motorcycle fatalities remain relatively high."

According to a recent report of all traffic fatalities, "The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) indicated a potential for 2025 to end with one of the lowest death tolls in years, with 518 deaths reported by mid-December, below the year average of 584." Of those fatalities, there were 95 motorcyclists killed in crashes last year and 4 passengers. This is slightly less than 2024. (You can mildly applaud that!)



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Of those motorcyclists and passengers, approximately 70% were not wearing a helmet. And, it is estimated that at least 35% of motorcycle fatalities involve riders who were impaired by alcohol or drugs. That, my fellow HOG members, is plainly tragic. Additionally, it is estimated that 90% of all motorcycle crashes were caused by the riders' error. Safety Officer, John Knickerbocker states, "This suggests riders involved were not applying strategies that help prevent crashes. Continuous motorcycle training is one way to assist riders in acquiring and maintaining the best riding skills possible. That is why I do what I do. I do my best to educate riders and their passengers in ways to be able to ride safe and still have fun".



John continues, "Though motorcycle fatalities are down compared to previous years, we cannot rest until no one is killed in traffic crashes in Wisconsin. We must continue to drive and ride free, but with concern for the safety of ourselves, and especially our passengers and those with whom we share the road. And yes, there are plenty of other motorists out there that drive stupid. We must be ever vigilant. We must employ every tool in our box at all times to assure each ride is not our last. We must SEE and be SEEN."

We must also follow T-CLOCS to assure our bikes, and likewise our 4-wheel vehicles are as road ready as possible. We must use designated drivers whenever we party. Ladies and gentlemen, I say to you ask not what traffic safety can do for you, but what you can do for traffic safety. Thank you and God Bless the Wolf River HOG Chapter." (You can cheer and applaud now!)

Ride and Drive Safe out there!

John Knickerbocker, Safety Officer

John Knickerbocker, Safety





## Chapter Officers

**Bold** = new to the HOG Chapter board

Officer Position	Name	Contact
Director	Bart Ziewacz	920-540-0791
Assistant Director	<b>Tigger Tanner</b>	920-562-5312
Secretary/Email Dist	Don Brown	920-264-4833
Treasurer	Rhonda Hopkins	715-853-1916
Treasurer Assistant	<b>Lori Poppe</b>	715-570-4793
Safety	John Knickerbocker	715-584-9251
Head Road Captain	<b>Erik Steffen</b>	920-360-6482
Mileage Challenge	<b>David Duddek</b>	920-373-4939
Membership	Peggie Brown	314-761-3106
Business Tour	Lynne Duddek Bob Fruzen Ken Meulemans Wayne Meulemans	920-373-2377 920-676-2084 920-519-1431 920-851-1799
Ladies of Harley	Karen Welter Patty Pape	715-526-9168 715-853-4974
Entertainment/Activities	Pat Reedy	920-660-4095
Photographer	Jenny McDermid	920-265-9409
Editor	<b>Jennifer Steffen</b>	920-360-6481
Webmaster	Phil Terp	920-609-1323
Dealership	Kersten Heling	715-758-9080 (w)
Old Farts Ride Leader	Roy Powless	920-246-2420

**Thank you to the outgoing Chapter Officers for your time, dedication, and service:**

- Secretary and Email Distribution, **Bubb Lidke**
- Membership, **Pat Lidke**
- Head Road Captain, **Stephen Hauseur**
- Mileage, **Larry Fields**



*Bart Ziewacz, Director*

## HOG Rallies

The 2026 Harley Owners Group rally calendar is locked and loaded and it's shaping up to be another incredible year of epic roads, magnificent scenery and unforgettable memories as we crisscross the United States from coast to coast. Check out the list below and start packing your saddle bags!

[HOG Rally site](#)

### 2026 HOG Touring Rallies in Wisconsin

- Route 66 East H.O.G. Touring Rally, Milwaukee to Amarillo, TX, May 16-22
- Tour of Valor H.O.G. Touring Rally – Mobile, AL to Madison, WI, TBD

### 2026 HOG Regional Rallies

- Cajun Country Regional H.O.G. Rally, Scott, LA, April 16-18
- Smoky Mountain Regional H.O.G. Rally, Maryville, TN, May 27-30
- Great Lakes Regional H.O.G. Rally, Chippewa Falls, WI, June 11-13
- Rocky Mountain Regional H.O.G. Rally, Durango, CO, June 11-13
- Blue Ridge Rumble Regional H.O.G. Rally, Winchester, VA, June 17-20
- Iron Adventure Regional H.O.G. Rally, Ludlow, VT, July 16-18
- Cruisin the Catskills Regional H.O.G. Rally, Hunter Mountain, NY, July 23-25
- H.O.G. National Rally, Branson, MO, September 9-12

*Tigger Tanner, Assistant Director*





<b>Financials</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Mileage Challenge</b>
<p>Financial information reported at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income was \$135.00,</li> <li>• Expenses were \$126.80, and</li> <li>• Ending balance is \$3,581.46</li> </ul>	<p>Membership is 99 and there were 65 members in attendance.</p> <p>Membership forms are available at Doc's, the Chapter meeting, or the Chapter website.</p>	<p>We have 35 members who have signed up for the Chapter Mileage Challenge and Ride365.</p> <p>Some changes to the Mileage Challenge will be happening this year. More to come.</p>
<i>Rhonda Hopkins, Treasurer</i>	<i>Peggie Brown, Membership</i>	<i>Dave Duddek, Mileage</i>

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Closed events are shaded in gray and are intended for Chapter members plus their guest. Non-designated rides are open to all.



A special THANK YOU to all members who helped with the parade and rang bells for the Salvation Army. You all showed the true spirit of the season and were great representatives of the WRHC.

## Sponsoring Dealer

From Kersten: In 2026, despite shrinking margins Docs HD will continue to extend a 15% discount to those members who have attended the monthly meeting or an activity & had their card punched. There is a change however, Docs HD are only going to allow HD rewards to be redeemed on full retail priced merchandise (will have signs at the cash registers). Starting November 1st, they can no longer allow HD rewards to be used as tender on discounted or clearance items. After a close review, they found that most of the rewards dollars are not reimbursed to the dealership by HD corporate as they were originally led to believe by HD corporate when the HD rewards program began. All other aspects of our dealer supported Wolf River Chapter participation incentive discount will remain unchanged. So, no double dipping. Can't take the WRHC discount and then pay with HD Points.

Check out the [Events](#) page on Doc's website to learn more about upcoming events.

The HOG Barn is available for your event with seating for up to 150 people. The Timeline offers its signature food items. For more details or to make reservations for your event call Tammy at the Timeline Saloon & BBQ 715-758-7427.

*Doc/Kersten, Dealership*

**THANK YOU**  
**Volunteers**