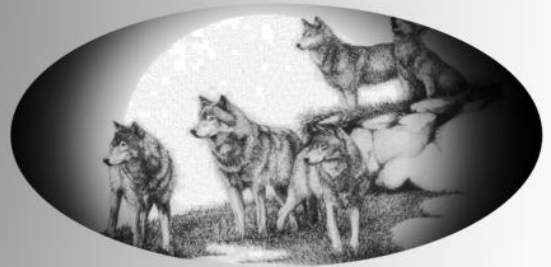




WOLF RIVER HOG CHAPTER #5629



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2024

RIDE SAFE • GET INVOLVED • HAVE FUN!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug. 4 Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
- Aug. 13 Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
- Aug. 21 Dinner Ride, see Calendar of Events for details
- Aug. 24 *Tentative* Southwest Ride-Business Tour Stops; **Looking for a leader to plan this ride.**
- Aug. 27 Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
- 8/31-9/3 Milwaukee Rally
- Sep. 1 Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am

Check the Chapter website and Wolf River Facebook sites for event updates.

Lucky Swine

Jed T.



Jed was not in attendance, so \$101.50 carries over to Sept.

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GET INVOLVED

Support the Dealer's Ride

Volunteer to help at the Fellows Ride on September 21

STAY CONNECTED

- Chapter Website: www.WolfRiverChapter.com
- Membership Email: WolfRiverChapter@DocsHD.com
- Wolf River HOG Email: WolfRiverHOG@gmail.com
- Mileage Challenge Email: WRHCRide365@outlook.com

GET SOCIAL



[Wolf River Chapter 5629](#)
Official Wolf River HOG Chapter Facebook Page

[Wolf River Friends](#)
Private members-only discussion group



CHAPTER MEETING NEWS

Director (Matt Radtke): Matt thanked those that attended the Northeast ride in July. Doc's Legal Country Drags were well attended. The Door County Ride has been the most attended ride this year. The Harley Homecoming was a great party with bands and lots of bikes. August begins with Sturgis.

Matt reminded everyone that the Fellows Ride is coming up on Sept. 21. We will need lots of volunteers for this event. Sign up at the Chapter meeting or contact Kersten at the dealership.

Assistant Director (Lynne Duddek): Lynne shared that the 24th Annual Ride to Remember for the Highgrounds in Neilsville is Saturday, August 17 from 9am-5pm. Registration starts at 9am at the American Legion, 6 Boon Blvd, Neilsville. Cost is \$25/rider or \$45/ride & passenger. The event includes three scenic rides, vendors, raffle, and live music from 10:30am to 1pm. A procession to the Highgrounds will leave around 2:45pm. [Click here](#) for details.

Secretary (Bubb Lidke): Bubb asked if email reminders were valuable. All agreed they were. Bubb thanked Steve Hauser for leading the business tour & dinner rides and Roy Powless for leading the Old Fart Rides. These take a lot of work so be sure to go on the rides and thank them for all their hard work in planning the rides.

The Community Blood Center is in severe need of blood donations. There has been a number of serious accidents this year, including motorcycle accidents. Community Blood Center donations supply the needs of all the local hospitals: Green Bay, Shawano, Appleton and all of northeast & north central Wisconsin & UP. I urge you to schedule a donation soon. Go to <https://www.communityblood.org/>. Click on Donate & log in. You can then see the list of blood drive dates-times-locations available. If you are from Green Bay and didn't know, Community Blood Center has a new donation office in the little mall by Margarita's near Lambeau Field. Your community needs your blood.

Business Tour Book (Ken Meulemans) There is no update on Hughes Double Vision in Bonduel on their status of reopening. Also, The Dock Bar & Grill in Deerbrook is closing on 9/1, so get their stamp before they close. Always call ahead before you travel a significant distance. When you go to Hammer Inn, they will stamp your book for both Hammer Inn and Chatterhouse 2016.

Old Farts Ride (Roy Powless): Roy shared that we have had 7 Old Farts Rides so far this year with 6 to go. The Old Farts Rides in August are Tuesdays August 13 and August 27, departing from Doc's at 10:30am sharp. Come get lost with Roy.

Bubb Lidke, Secretary

CHAPTER FINANCES

Rhonda shared the financial information since the last report.

- Income was \$164.00,
- Expenses were \$780.80, and
- Ending balance is \$13,594.35.

Income is from the Business Tour books.

Rhonda Hopkins, Treasurer

LADIES OF HARLEY

Just a few reminders of upcoming events:

- Nov. 2, Red River Riders— Day at the Races. Contest for best Derby hat, raffles/bucket raffles, betting on the horses, and eating. A day full of Fun!
- Nov. 3, Piglet Sale and start of Shawano Pantry food drive
- Nov. 9, Business Tour Party I will be looking for desserts for this party
- Dec. 7, Bake Sale at the dealership (tentative/Who should receive the donation?)
- Dec. 8 & Jan. 5, Food Drive, donate food at Chapter Meeting
- Jan. 11, Christmas Party I will be looking for dessert donations

Patty Edinger, Ladies of Harley



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CHAPTER MILEAGE CHALLENGE/RIDE 365

We have 113 bikes participating in the mileage challenges so far.

We have 162,921 miles reported so far on the Ride 365 site. This gives us a ranking of 4th in our region out of 129 chapters and 56th out of 406 chapters nationwide.

Here are the top 5 chapters:

#	CHAPTER	MILES
1	WORCESTER MASS CHAPTER	246,755
2	BRANDYWINE CHAPTER CHADDS FORD PA	227,162
3	BERKS COUNTY PA CHAPTER	186,815
4	WOLF RIVER CHAPTER SHAWANO WISCONSIN	162,921
5	MILWAUKEE NORTHWEST CHAPTER	125,769

The 2024 Chapter Mileage Challenge cost is \$10 per class and runs from January 1 through December 2. Top 3 mileage riders per class receive gift certificates. [Click here](#) for the registration form.

As of 8/4, the top mileage by Class is as follows:

- A (Softail/Dyna/Street+) 4,275 Miles [PR]
- B (Women's Touring/Trike) 3,129 Miles [LD]
- C (Men's Touring/Trike) 19,569 Miles [LM]
- D (Shake Rattle n Roll) 307 Miles [TW]
- Passenger 18,106 Miles [MM]

You may also join HOG's free Ride 365 program. You don't need to join the Chapter Mileage Challenge to participate in Ride 365. With Ride 365, your mileage earns you awards plus it helps recognize the Chapter and the dealership support we receive. Ride 365 runs until Dec. 31.

You can view your Ride 365 progress by going to HOG.COM/Ride365. You check your miles and see your registered bikes.

Submit mileage at the meetings, text me at 920-373-4939, or e-mail to WRHCRIDE365@outlook.com.

Thank you, Dave

Dave Duddek, Mileage Challenge

CHAPTER RIDE UPDATES

Greetings from Sturgis! I want to thank everyone who attended July's dinner rides — the Northeast and Door County rides. We made lots of stops and had even more miles ridden. We did dodge our share of rain.



Riders on the Door County Chapter Ride

For those who didn't make the last dinner ride, you missed a great night of trivia. We came in 2nd out of 5 teams. Way to go Team HOG!



The Southwest ride was originally scheduled for August 24. However, due to my current situation, I will not be able to commit any time to this as I'm in the middle of buying my first house. This will be taking up most of my time in the next several weeks. But if anyone wants to plan this for the Chapter, please make sure you let Matt and Bubb know as soon as possible so details can be sent out.

Thank you!

Stephen Hauser, Head Road Captain



SAFETY



Andrea Knickerbocker did an excellent rendition of John

And Now, for a Death-Defying Act . . .

August is here! Next thing you know, that white stuff will be flying and the bikes will be put away or moved to a warmer climate. But, in the meantime. Whoever came up with the word "meantime"? Why can't it be "nicetime"? I hereby authorize everyone to use the term "nicetime," instead of meantime. So, in the nicetime, we RIDE!

And, in the nicetime, I encourage you all to commit a "DEATH-DEFYING" act. Yes, like lion tamers, like storm chasers, like Evel Knievel, there are death-defying acts you can do at home. Well, not really at home. Actually, they are on the road with your Harley.



If you study motorcycle crash statistics, you will find that excess speed has killed a lot of bikers. It doesn't matter whether the crash involved another vehicle or just the motorcycle, speed killed the rider, and all too often, a passenger. So the first death-defying act you can commit is to keep your speeds at or below the speed limit. Come on, you all know that a Harley looks great no matter what speed it is traveling, or even standing still. Oh, you do know that the best fuel economy with just about every vehicle on the road, bikes included, is between 40 and 55mph, right? Don't believe me? Check with the National Highway Transportation Administration. Or try it yourself. Track your gas mileage for a tank at "regular" speeds. Then, for the next tank, try to keep your speeds in that 40 to 55mph range. Then see the difference. It is estimated you will save 7% to 23% simply by lowering your speed. That's savings you can spend on bike accessories at Doc's Harley-Davidson of Shawano County.



The next death-defying act is to constantly use SEE. You remember, Search, Evaluate, and Execute. Used as a constant riding strategy, you can greatly reduce your chances of being in a fatal crash. Search for trouble like hidden driveways, distracted drivers, and flat-out no-mind drivers. Evaluate what you see and figure out plans to deal with it. And, whatever plan you make, carry it out. By the way, practicing things like swerving and quick-stops are great ways to be ready to execute your plans.

Of course, wearing protective gear is an excellent death-defying act! In particular, a good quality helmet greatly reduces the odds of head injuries and death. I'll share a video with you folks some time in the future. I know you will see the advantages.



And now, for the most death-defying act any person can commit! Donating blood. Not to brag, but to let you know how I feel about it, I have given over 8 gallons of blood over the years. Not bad for a skinny little dude. If you already do give blood, helmets off to you! Think about the people whose lives you may have saved. That's death-defying. For those of you who haven't given, not only is it a death-defying act in terms of helping others, it is good for your body. It helps reduce your risk of heart attack, it can help improve your blood flow and reduce arterial blockages, balances your iron levels, can reveal potential health issues, and lowers your risk of cancer. If not with the Red Cross, you can actually make money giving blood at some private companies.

So, do you have to be Evel Knievel to commit death-defying acts? Well, you could try to jump your Harley over Doc's alligator cage. But, now you know some other ways to commit death-defying acts. So, what are you waiting for? A bolt of lightning? In the immortal words of Nike, JUST DO IT!

Ride and drive safe out there!
John Knickerbocker, Safety Officer

John Knickerbocker, Safety



SPONSORING DEALER

Doc shared that 6-8 years ago, he started saving gears, pulleys, and neat looking round metal things. He wants to build something out of all these round things. If you have an old gear, pulley, or something cool looking (not a rim off a Chevy) laying around, bring it to Doc so it can be included in his build.

Doc said a couple years ago, he drew a picture of where the Volkswagens are on his lot that includes a silo. So, he is looking for a short silo that he wants to bury in the ground near the VWs, put on a glass top, a door, and maybe plant flowers by it. But if Wisconsin ever legalizes marijuana, he wants to open up a business called the "Pot Hole."

Fellows Ride Doc's will be hosting the first Fellows Ride in the United States on 9/21 at 11am. The goal of the ride is to raise awareness of the widespread illness of depression and to collect donations for local mental health projects. Volunteer to help by signing up at the Chapter meeting or contacting Kersten. Check out the [Events](#) page on Doc's website to learn more about other upcoming events.

The HOG Barn is available for your special event with seating available 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 Hopkins, Dealership

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is at 199. There were 54 members at the Chapter meeting.

Welcome to new members **William Brault** from Manitowoc and **Stephanie May** from Green Bay.

Remember to get your membership card punched at every meeting, or at events starting at Doc's, to get a discount at Doc's.

Thank you to Marge Delmont for helping at the meeting.

Pat Lidke, Membership



Invite Friends to Join the Chapter

Encourage people, young and old, who share a passion for riding with activities like group rides, safety, rallies, riding trips, and charity events. New members bring new ideas and endless opportunities.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR H.O.G. REGIONAL MANAGER

Date	Event
Aug. 4	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Aug. 13	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Aug. 21	Dinner Ride, meet at Hammer Inn, 5:00pm, then leave at 5:30pm for a ride to Joe Rouer's for dinner.
Aug. 24 <i>Tentative</i>	Southwest Ride-Business Tour Stops; Looking for a leader to plan this ride.
Aug. 27	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
8/31-9/3	Milwaukee Rally
Sep. 1	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Sep. 10	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
9/12-15	Tomahawk Fall Ride
Sep. ?	Saturday Ride
Sep. 21	Fellows Ride, Doc's HD, 11:00am
Sep. 24	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Oct. 6	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Oct. 8	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Oct. 12	Shawano Fall Homecoming Parade
Oct. 16	Officers Meeting, HOG Barn, 6:30pm
Oct. 19	Highway Cleanup, Doc's HD, 9:30am
Oct. 22	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Oct. ?	Doc's Halloween Extravaganza?
Nov. 2	Red River Riders Day at the Races
Nov. 3	Chapter Meeting and Piglet Sale, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Nov. 9	Business Tour Party 3:30pm
Nov. ?	Doc's Turkey Blowup?
Dec. 1	Chapter Meeting and Election of Officers, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Dec. 2	End of mileage contest
Dec. 6	Shawano Christmas Parade
Dec. 7	Ladies of Harley Bake Sale
Dec. 11?	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Dec. 30	Chapter Joint Officers Mtg 6:30pm
Jan. 5, 2025	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Jan. 11, 2025	Christmas Party, HOG Barn

We are always striving to make H.O.G. bigger and better and to bring even more value to membership by adding new programs and benefits and enhancing existing ones. One I'd like to mention is not exclusive to H.O.G. but is a service Harley-Davidson offers to enhance your ownership experience.

The [HD1 marketplace](#) includes listings for thousands of pre-owned and H-D Certified motorcycles from dealers and private party sellers. It is a great tool to use for buying, selling, or trading a motorcycle. You can also use it to get a trade-in quote for your current bike if you're thinking about an upgrade. Check it out [here](#). It is another benefit that comes with riding a Harley-Davidson, the world's most desirable motorcycle brand!

Tangible benefits and rewards are important, but it's really the people like you that make H.O.G. the success it has become. Your passion and hard work creating incredible experiences and memories for your fellow members makes all the difference. As always, thanks for everything you do to make the Harley Owners Group the biggest and best riding club in the world.

Plan to attend these 2024 H.O.G. touring and regional rallies. **Full details for all H.O.G. rallies are available on the [H.O.G. Rally Map](#).**

H.O.G. Touring Rallies

- East Meets West H.O.G. Posse Ride, August 19-September 3, North Hampton, NH to San Diego, CA
- Texas Independence H.O.G. Touring Rally, October 14-19, Longview, TX

H.O.G. Regional Rallies

- Wild & Wonderful H.O.G. Rally, August 21-24, Charleston, WV
- Rocky Mountain H.O.G. Rally, September 5-7, Grand Junction, CO

H.O.G. Check-Ins

- Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, August 2-10, Sturgis, SD
- Bikes, Blues & BBQ, September 18-22, Rogers, AR

PAUL BLOTSKE

H.O.G. Regional Manager - Central

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