



# WOLF RIVER HOG CHAPTER #5629



## NEWSLETTER

## MARCH 2023

**RIDE SAFE • GET INVOLVED • HAVE FUN!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS



Mar. 5	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Mar. 14	Movie Night, Check Facebook for place and time
Mar. 30	Dinner Ride at Lumberyard, Bonduel, 5:30pm
April 2	Chapter Meeting & Piglet Sale, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Apr. 11	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Apr. 12	Officers Meeting, HOG Barn, 6:30pm
Apr. 22	Highway Cleanup, Doc's HD, 9:30am

Check the Chapter website and Facebook for the latest updates.

### Lucky Swine

**Richard R.**

Richard was in attendance so he walked away with \$37.50.

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### GET INVOLVED

<b>Bike Blessing</b>	Contact Kersten at the dealership if you can help with this year's Blessing of the Bikes event in May
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### STAY CONNECTED



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### 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 shared that March is a quiet month with a Movie Night and a Dinner Ride. Things pick up in April with the Piglet Sale on April 2, Old Farts Ride start April 11, Officer's Meeting on April 12, and Highway Clean-up on April 22. Business Tour Books are also available at the April Meeting,

Make your plans for the major rallies of this year including the Mid-America HOG Rally in St. Charles, MO from June 22-24, Harley-Davidson Homecoming 120th Festival on July 13-16 in Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee Hometown Rally from August 31-September 4.

Secretary (Bubb Lidke): Bubb shared that Per the Press Times, our governor has approved \$1.5m for improvements along Hwy 29 between Hwy 156 and I-41 including fencing, slatted fencing, and a living snow fence. This is to mitigate blowing and drifting snow plus prevent accidental access by off-road vehicles, etc. Work is to begin February 27. Hwy 29 will remain open.

A year ago, I reported that changes being made by Google Gmail would create significant problems sending out the Chapter newsletter. It appears that the changes we made in response have been successful. Though it now takes longer to send, we are no longer getting transmission rejects.

When we started emailing newsletters in 2020, I was concerned that a lot of members may not have email. As of now, over 98% of our members have provided an email address

Entertainment (Patty Reedy): Patty shared that she has arranged the Hot Rods for the Business Tour Party. The Hot Rods feature Ron and Mike from our Christmas Party so it is sure to be a blast.

Head Road Captain (Stephen Hauser): Stephen reminded everyone that Spring is just two weeks away.

*Bubb Lidke, Secretary*

## CHAPTER FINANCES

Rhonda provided this information since the last report,

- Income was \$7,189,
- Expenses were \$438.11 and
- Ending balance is \$8,388.28.

Most of the income is from the Business Tour Book.

*Rhonda Hopkins, Treasurer*

## ACTIVITIES

Thank you to the 12 members who joined me for the Dinner ride to Duck Creek Pub. Food and company were great!

**Movie Night** will be on Tuesday, March 14. I will let you know on the chapter Facebook site the movie we will be watching (not sure what will be playing), the theater location, and the time.

**Dinner Run** will be Thursday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lumberyard Bar and Grill in Bonduel. Please call Patty if you are planning to attend and did not sign up at the Chapter meeting. This way, I can let the bar know how many people to expect.

**Piglet Sale** is on April 2 before the Chapter Meeting. Please mark your motorcycle/Harley items with an envelope with your name and amount you want for the item.

My and Rhonda's European Trip has been cancelled! We decided to play it safe and stay in the good old USA. Instead, we are traveling to cruise the Columbia and Snake River in Oregon and Washington. The trip leaves on Oct 3, 2023 and coming home Oct. 14, 2023. Come and join us! Contact Sherry and Rick Berg for more information. [Sherry.berg@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:Sherry.berg@cruiseplanners.com)

See you all in April!

*Patty Edinger, Activities*



### BUSINESS TOUR BOOKS

Bob shared that we have 100 businesses confirmed for the Business Tour Book. We have a lot of nice gift certificates from the bars already. If you go to these businesses, please be sure to thank them for being in the Book.

Posters are available to go to the businesses. If you frequent a business that is in the Book, please take a poster to them. Let Bob know that you are doing this so he doesn't mail a poster to them.

There are 14 new businesses in the Book this year. Some of the new stops include Sharona's Bar, Wooden Shoe, The Beaver Saloon, Gilligan's Bar and Grill, On the Hill, and Sassy's Bad Habit.

Books will go to the printer on March 6. They will be available, starting at the April Chapter meeting. The books are \$10 which includes the Business Tour Party on November 11. Entertainment at the party will be the band Hot Rods.

### MEMBERSHIP

So far, there are 185 members signed up for 2023. My thanks to Erik & Anthony S. for handing membership and Lucky Swine duties.

There were 85 members attending today's meeting. New members included Deb W. from Little Chute, New member Bill M. shared he rides a 1991 Heritage and a 2012 Limited.

Membership runs from January through December. You must maintain your National HOG Membership for the entire year to remain a Chapter member.

Get your membership discount card at the meeting. Remember to get your card punched at every meeting or when attending a Chapter event. You can get a membership form at the Chapter meeting or from the [Chapter website](#).

You can drop off your membership form at Doc's, bring to a Chapter meeting, or mail it to:

Pat Lidke  
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*Bob Fruzen, Business Tour*

*Pat Lidke, Membership*

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# CHAPTER MILEAGE CHALLENGE AND HOG RIDE 365

We have 44 members participating in the Chapter Mileage Challenge and the HOG Ride 365 for 2023.

You don't need to join the Chapter Mileage Challenge to participate in the Ride 365 program. Ride 365 is for all National HOG members and is free. With Ride 365, your mileage helps recognize the Chapter and the dealership support we receive. Ride 365 runs until December 31. This year, HOG will include an award for 2,500 and 10,000 miles.



To help even out the class participation, all Sportsters are now included in the Class D-Shake Rattle n' Roll. There are four riding classes.

The cost of the Mileage Challenge is \$10 per class. You can enter more than one class. Register at the Chapter meetings. You can find the registration

form on the Chapter website. [Click here](#) for the form.

The award structure will be based on the number of people participating, with the top three highest mileage riders receiving gift certificates. The 2023 Mileage Challenge will run from January 1 through December 4.



Participants are encouraged to submit mileage on a regular basis, preferably monthly. You can submit mileage at the meetings, by e-mail [WRHCRIDE365@outlook.com](mailto:WRHCRIDE365@outlook.com), or you can send a text to 920-373-4939.

Thank You  
Dave

## 2021 Ride 365 Standings - Keep Watching for the 2022 Totals

### RIDE365

\* - Highest Total Chapter Miles

\*\* - Highest Average Miles Per Member

Plains Market	Total Miles	Members	Miles/Member
2527 - ST CHARLES MISSOURI CHAPTER	1454454	329	4421
3637 - KIRKWOOD MO CHAPTER	1073831	227	4731
4428 - WILD PRAIRIE CHAPTER EDEN PRAIRIE MN	695831	109	6384
5521 - FOX VALLEY WI CHAPTER	585430	89	6578
2950 - FOX RIVER CHAPTER ST CHARLES ILLINOIS	583711	95	6144
4860 - BLACK HILLS CHAPTER	581550	114	5101
4427 - GREEN MOUNT ROAD CHAPTER O'FALLON ILLINOIS	435866	58	7515
4871 - SIOUX FALLS CHAPTER	374872	64	5857
0880 - ALTON ILLINOIS CHAPTER	317680	48	6618
3884 - MILWAUKEE NORTHWEST CHAPTER	313660	62	5059
3833 - MILWAUKEE CHAPTER	287402	79	3638
3381 - HAWKEYE CHAPTER CORALVILLE IOWA	277699	44	6311
3276 - ROCK RIVER CHAPTER OCONOMOWOC WI	259539	81	3204
4117 - GATEWAY CHAPTER ST LOUIS MO	250166	68	3679
2253 - DES MOINES IOWA CHAPTER	229788	55	4178
3793 - MADISON CHAPTER, MADISON WI	229314	114	2012
1427 - CENTRAL DAKOTA CHAPTER	219190	62	3535
5629 - WOLF RIVER CHAPTER SHAWANO WISCONSIN	202837	73	2779
1094 - WILD RIDE CHAPTER VILLA PARK IL	196651	51	3660





## **SAFETY**

### **Riding Safely in Arizona**

I am sorry to report that in Sun City West Arizona right now, the temperature is 69 degrees and the sun is shining. It's a perfect day to ride. But unless you are outside the Phoenix metro area, motorcycling can be extremely dangerous.



In addition to pieces of palm trees that blow off in the wind and onto the streets, there are coyotes that roam about especially around dawn and dusk, but occasionally in broad daylight. Fairly heavy rain creates flash flooding of gutters and streets as the drops don't soak in like "back home". Rains leave sand and other "natural" debris left on the roadways. There are also shallow "channels" at intersections that are designed to help rain water runoff get to storm sewers. They create quite a bump if you are traveling more than 20mph.

Yet, there is a hardy species of humans down here that braves these tough conditions. HOG members down here, like Wolf River HOG members, are determined to ride regardless of conditions. They do have a few "special" roads that are challenging and fun, but with breath-taking scenery. One such road is the Old 89A/ Old Prescott-Jerome Highway, about 100 miles north of Phoenix. The route has 127 curves of various radii in the Black Hills mountains from Prescott to Jerome (located up on a mountain side). Before riding this road, one definitely is going to want to make sure your bike is in tip-top shape, especially the brakes.

Well, getting back to where we are, "over-55" communities are big down here. So, that presents an additional danger, OLD PEOPLE! Oops, technically, I am one, I guess. Anyway, many of them drive like bats out of hell, or super slow. When you combine that with elderly folks' poor eyesight, that is a recipe for disaster.

To give you a taste of the community of Sun City West, they don't have a police force. They have a "Posse." They are mainly around to check on general safety issues. If you leave your garage door open too long, you'll likely have a posse member drop by to check on you. An example of an interesting report seen regularly in the local paper is "Dead body found at 7:47am at such and such address." I do wish they would change that wording to something more like, "Resident found passed away at 7:45am at such and such address. It's not unusual to see 4 or 5 such reports each week.

But, I digress. Motorcycle safety is just a little different down here. Of course, the dry climate is not good for anything made of rubber or leather. T-CLOCS is just as essential down here as it is in Wisconsin. With the heat in warmer months (April through September) overheating of engines is a concern, particularly in stop n' go traffic around the metro area. The 3 to 6 lane highways have back-ups a mile or more near congested exits and entries at certain times of day. Did I mention the sun shines here? Talk about a baked finish on your bike! Black is not exactly the best color for a bike, or 4-wheeled vehicle for that matter. Oh, and they use a lot of golf carts down here. They are on the streets too!

So, if you insist on coming down here, just be as safety-minded as I know you can be.

Reporting from Sun City West, Arizona.  
Ride and drive safe out there!





2023 CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Table with 2 columns: DATE, EVENT. Contains monthly event details from Mar 5 to Aug 6.

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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.

(1) Old Farts Rides 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month starting in April ending in October. Rain date is Thursday of same week. Meet at Doc's at 10:20am and leave at 10:30am.

