



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



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May 9	Charity Ride	Docs	KU at Noon

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

Lucky Swine Bob F.



Bob was not in attendance
and the balance rolls
forward to next month.

Attention Women Riders

Midwest Women Riders NFP present "Get Your Groove On 2026" a weekend of empowerment, workshops, riding, guest speakers, vendors, raffles, entertainment and sisterhood, featuring a fully escorted nonstop World Record Female Ride for attendees on Saturday. Celebration party Saturday evening with live entertainment and food.

This is a women only event celebrating women who ride their own, no guys.

Contact Jennifer Steffen or Patty Pape for more information.
There will be a group leaving Thursday and a group leaving Friday.
Tickets available for the full weekend or the ride only.



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
Chapter Facebook: [Wolf River Chapter 5629](https://www.facebook.com/WolfRiverChapter5629)
Members Facebook: [Wolf River Friends](https://www.facebook.com/WolfRiverFriends)

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





2/1/26 Chapter Meeting Updates

Director (Bart Ziewacz)

Officers Meeting 2/4/26 at 6 PM in the HOG Barn. Bart shared that communications to the chapter officers can utilize WolfRiverHog@gmail.com or go directly to an officer. All other emails shared in the past are no longer active.

8 Officers will be attending the Regional Officers Connection in Milwaukee on 2/21/2026. This is a requirement for the new Chrome Chapter recognition from HOG. We will find out more about the program after the conference. Go to the HOG website to learn more.

Due to the April Chapter Meeting falling on Easter Sunday, it has been moved to **4/12/26**.

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)

Our chapter is hosting a Charity Ride on May 9th. Reminder that this chapter is for all members. Let your officers know of any events, rides, etc. that you would like to see the Chapter involved in this year. Share with Erik or Patty destination ideas for rides you would like to see this year.

Ladies of Harley (Karen Welter)

Happy Ground Hog Day. Piglet sale at April meeting on **April 12th**, also planning a Spring Fling potluck after the April Meeting, details to follow. Planning a ride to support male cancer this summer.

Mileage (Dave Duddek)

We have 52 participants entered for 2026 so far. Thanks for signing up early. Remember you don't have to join the WRHC Challenge to participate. The Ride 365 is for all National Chapters and is free. Your Mileage helps recognize the chapter and the dealership support received by us all. Ride 365 Mileage can be sent in through the end of December. To View your progress go to HOG.COM/RIDE365. Log in and check it out. This year's award structure will again be based on

participation with the top mileage total for each class receiving Gift Certificates. To increase everyone's chance of winning, random winners will also be selected from all participants. The 2026 Mileage Challenge will run from January 1st, 2026 to midnight on Monday December 7th, 2026. Ride 365 Mileage can be sent in through the end of December. Mileage can be submitted at the meetings, by e-mail WRHCRIDE365@outlook.com, or send a text to 920-373-4939.

Business Tour Book (Lynne Duddeck): Lynn shared that the team has sent applications to potential participant venues. 15 have been returned with gift cards. Posters go to the printer next week. Still working on scavenger hunt stops. Please plan any dinner rides to tour book participant locations. Tour book sales will start at the April meeting.

Membership (Peggie Brown)

2026 Membership forms are available. Peggie shared that we have 115 members that have renewed for 2026 and 60 were at the meeting. Thank you to Pat Lidke for assisting at the February meeting. WRHC Membership is \$0, however, you must remain a member of HOG National all year. If your HOG National Membership lapses, your local HOG chapter membership terminates

Editor (Jennifer Steffen)

Please get any information you would like in the Newsletter or out to the Membership to Don Brown or Jennifer.

Old Farts Ride (Roy Powless)

Weather permitting the first ride will be in April. Putting together some special rides this year. Come get lost with Roy!

Activities (Patty Reedy)

Looking for interest in doing a group ride to Uranus Missouri, #7 in the 15 for '26 destinations published by Harley. This would be a multi-day trip. More information to follow.



Safety

Safely Getting Ready to Ride



Look! Down the road! It's blazing dragster! It's a lightning bolt! It's a really fast old Sportster! No, it's Safety Man! Faster than a herd of turtles! More powerful than a puff of smoke! Able to leap onto his motorcycle, vewy-vewy carefuwy. He bounds up to the podium and strikes his best superhero pose.

"It looks like I got here just in the nick of time. I see the problem. There are a lot of couch potatoes out there. And if they don't get started getting in shape, there's going to be a ton of sad riders. If they all get started right now, they may be able to get ahead of the soreness and pain. How you ask?

First, get that butt off the couch! Do some aerobic exercise. This will help you maximize your oxygen intake to stay alert. Don't let cold weather stop you. Take a brisk walk or jog for at least 15 to 20 minutes a minimum of 2 to 3 times a week. If you don't like being out in the cold and have a tread mill or stationary bike, use it! Just understand the scenery is not nearly as nice, unless you have a picture of Route 66 on your wall.



How about swimming? No, I'm not talking about polar plunging. I'm talking about an indoor pool nearby. Swimming or water aerobics are great for the heart and lungs. Plus, there's less stress on joints. It's great for strengthening stomach, arms, and legs too. Again, the minimum should be 2 to 3 times a week for at least 20 minutes or more each time. Build up more time by increasing 10% each week.

For the lower back strength, lay face up on the floor. Slide your feet back toward your butt until your lower legs are perpendicular to the floor. Lift your hips up off the floor at least 6 inches. Hold that for a few seconds, then slowly lower yourself back down. Do this 5 times. Try to increase the number of repetitions over time.

Dumbbells, not your brother-in-law, are great for getting the arms in shape. Try bench pressing with weights you are comfortable with and increase the weight over time. Of course, push-ups are good for the shoulders and arms. You don't have to do them on the floor. Consider starting with your hands on the 3rd or 4th step of some stairs. Some folks use the edge of a kitchen counter to start with. Over time, start at lower angles.



For the legs, unless you own a 3-wheel motorcycle, you're going to need strong thigh muscles to hold up your bike when you stop. Strengthening them now will help lessen the chance you'll drop your bike when you come to a stop. Doing squat exercises can help build back up those leg muscles. Use light weights held at your side and squat until your thighs are parallel to the floor, no further. Then raise back up again. Repeat 5 to 10 times depending on how well you feel. Consider increasing weight as weeks go by.

For the wrists, use an old tennis ball or stress ball, do 2 sets of 10 squeezes a couple of times a day. Make sure you hold the balls out in the same position you use when your hands are on your handlebars. Increase the number of repetitions as time passes.



Of course, if you have health issues or are over 40 years old, check with your doctor before starting any regiment of exercise.

If you don't like what was shared here, check with your doctor or a physical therapist, or go online to find the exercises you feel are appropriate for you. But don't delay. Riding season is less than 2 months away. Be Super, Like me!

Ride (and drive) safe out there!
Safety Man (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	Tigger Tanner	920-562-5312
Secretary/Email Dist	Don Brown	920-264-4833
Treasurer	Rhonda Hopkins	715-853-1916
Treasurer Assistant	Lori Poppe	715-570-4793
Safety	John Knickerbocker	715-584-9251
Head Road Captain	Erik Steffen	920-360-6482
Mileage Challenge	David Duddek	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	Jennifer Steffen	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:

- Editor, **Joe Langer**
- Secretary & Email Distribution, **Bubb Lidke**
- Head Road Captain, **Stephen Hauseur**
- Membership, **Pat Lidke**
- Mileage, **Larry Fields**

Bart Ziewacz, Director

Harley is changing their Mileage Recognition This year: Annual Mileage Recognition Awards for 2026

Earn one point for every mile, up to 15,000 miles in 2026. That's a \$150 value! Annual mileage rewards require at least two odometer readings between January 1 and December 31. We recommend regular readings to unlock more rewards, so head to your dealer early and often. Miles logged for the Annual Mileage Challenge also count toward the Annual Chapter Mileage Challenge and Lifetime Mileage totals.

Annual Mileage Program Award Levels

- 250 Miles Digital Badge + 250 points
- 500 Miles Digital Badge + 250 points
- 1,000 Miles Digital Badge + 500 points
- 2,500 Miles Digital Badge + 1,500 points
- 5,000 Miles Digital Badge + 2,500 points
- 7,500 Miles Digital Badge + 2,500 points
- 10,000 Miles Digital Badge, Cert, Patch, Coin + 2,500 pts
- 15,000 Miles Digital Badge, Cert, Patch, Coin + 5,000 pts
- 20,000 Miles Digital Badge, Certificate, Patch, Coin
- 25,000 Miles Digital Badge, Certificate, Patch, Coin
- 50,000 Miles Digital Badge, Certificate, Patch, Coin
- 75,000 Miles Digital Badge, Certificate, Patch, Coin
- 100,000 Miles Digital Badge, Certificate, Patch, Coin

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 across the United States. Check out the list below and this site: [HOG Rally site](https://www.hogrally.com)

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
[2026 Great Lakes Rally Info Link](https://www.facebook.com/greatlakeshogrally)
Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/greatlakeshogrally>
- 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
All Access Branson. Link: <https://www.branzonshows.com>

Tigger Tanner, Assistant Director





Financials	Membership	Mileage Challenge
Financial information reported at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income was \$1,572.00 Expenses were \$1,622.11 Ending balance is \$3,531.35 	Membership is 115 and there were 60 members in attendance. Membership forms are available at Doc's, the Chapter meeting, or the Chapter website.	We have 52 members who have signed up for the Chapter Mileage Challenge and Ride365. This year's award structure will be different recognizing first place and then random drawings.
<i>Rhonda Hopkins, Treasurer</i>	<i>Peggie Brown, Membership</i>	<i>Dave Dudek, 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.

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

John May provided an update that his granddaughter is doing as well as she can. She has a positive attitude. He mentioned that Uranus Missouri is near where his granddaughter lives and a drive past the house would be awesome if a ride comes together.

