



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



## NOVEMBER 2025 Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

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| Nov. 2  | Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am                                                                                          |
| Nov. 4  | Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 11:00am                                                                                           |
| Nov. 8  | Business Tour Party, HOG Barn, Doors open at 3:30pm, Food from 4-5:30pm, Biff Hansen and the Works will play from 6-10:00pm |
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| Dec. 5  | Shawano Santa Parade, 6:00pm, 15 people needed, contact Liz Selby                                                           |
| Dec. 6  | LOH Bake Sale, Doc's HD, 9:00am-4:00pm                                                                                      |
| Dec. 7  | Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am                                                                                          |
| Dec. 7  | LOH Painting Workshop, HOG Barn, 12:30-3:30pm, \$40, <a href="#">Click here</a> to register                                 |

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

### Lucky Swine

**Bob H.**

Bob was not in attendance,  
so \$34 will carry over to  
next month.

### Get Involved

Attend the Business Tour Party for prizes, food,  
and live music.



## Ride Safe • Have Fun



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)



## Chapter Meeting Updates

Director (**Bart Ziewacz**): Bart thanked everyone who helped with the Highway Cleanup and the Halloween Extravaganza. Business Tour Party is Nov. 8. Desserts are needed.

Assistant Director (**Don Brown**): Don shared that the [Harley's Let's Ride Challenge](#) has recorded 79,344,493 miles being reported by 29,640 riders. That means Harley will donate \$1 million to charities benefitting veterans and first responders.

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. See more details in my article on Page 5.

Secretary (**Bubb Lidke**): Bubb shared that the 2026 Membership Forms are now available. Membership cards will be distributed at the January meeting. Chapter membership is free but you must be a HOG National member. If your HOG National Membership lapses, then your local HOG chapter membership terminates. Doc's will give a 15% discount on full retail priced merchandise to members getting their card punched at a Chapter meeting or an event. You cannot use the discount when redeeming Harley reward points, no double dipping.

He reminds people to sign up or contact Liz Selby to help with the Shawano Parade (15 people) and Salvation Army Bell ringing (12 people).

Ladies of Harley (**Karen Welter**): Karen shared that the LOH Bake Sale will be Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9:00am-4:00pm. Please sign up to bring bakery items. Label and price each package before coming to Doc's. Volunteers are needed to help during the day for 3 shifts. Contact Karen if you can help. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will benefit John May's granddaughter.

Lori Poppe is offering a painting workshop after the December Chapter meeting. The cost is \$40 to paint an item for the holidays. Lori will donate

\$10 to the Chapter for every paid registration. No experience required and everyone is welcome. [Click here](#) to register for the event.

Business Tour Book (**Ken Meulemans**): Ken shared that volunteers are needed to help with counting from 3:30-5pm and to help serve food. Please sign up or contact the Business Tour Book team.

Membership (**Pat Lidke**): Pat shared that we have 181 members and 68 were at the meeting. Thank you to Peggy Brown for assisting at the meeting.

Mileage Challenge (**Larry Fields**): Larry shared that we have 46 members who reported 186,379 miles so far. Please report your miles by email at [fieldsjr88@gmail.com](mailto:fieldsjr88@gmail.com) or text at 920-228-3050. High mileage members are Leon M. with 31,132, and Marcia M. with 30,806, and Randy B. with 8,279.

Photographer (**Jenny McDermid**): Jenny asked for photos for the shadow box.

Old Farts Ride (**Roy Powless**): Roy shared there will be a ride on November 4. Meet at Doc's at 10:30am then depart at 11:00am. This year, there were 12 rides with an average of 16 people. Thanks to everyone that attended.

### Other Reports:

John May shared that his 11-year old granddaughter has inoperable brain cancer. They're having a fundraiser on Nov. 9 from 1-4pm at Golden Sands Golf Course, 300 Nabor Rd, in Cecil. Everyone is invited to attend. So mark your calendar and bring a friend to donate and show support.

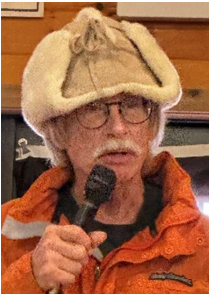


An example of an item at the LOH painting workshop



## Safety

### Watch Out for Those Pesky Wabbits, and Deer

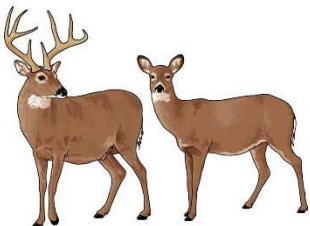


Some of you have probably already stored your bikes for the winter. And, that's okay. But, let me guess. You are not likely to go into hibernation for the winter. So, you're going to have to be on Wisconsin roadways, right? Well then, let's take a good, hard, long look at this particular situation. To help us we're going to bring in our old hunting friend Elmer Fudge. Did I just talk like him? Anyway, what do you have to share with us, Elmer?



It's nearly my favorite time of year. That's right! Hunting season! You thought there were a lot of deer on our roads already. But now that Mother Nature has them racing around like sex crazed teenagers, it gets even worse. So, we have to be vewy, vewy careful and watch out for deer. There are more deer related crashes in November than any other month. And how do you avoid smacking into one? I'm glad you asked.

- Of course, you know deer are most active at dawn and dusk. So be vewy, vewy careful during these times.
- Drive slower at night to give yourself more time to react if you see a deer. And, you likely remember, if you see one deer there may be more.
- Deer-crossing signs are put there for a reason. Watch the sides of the road vewy, vewy carefully
- If you see brake lights on the vehicle ahead of you, it may be the driver saw a deer.
- Headlights confuse deer. Don't try to anticipate which direction they may go. Just slow down.
- If the person ahead is driving slowly, the driver may know where to slow down and be vewy, vewy careful for deer. And think twice about passing.
- Deer can't get much traction on pavement. So, slow down if you see one. They will not be likely to take off fast.
- Dimming your dash lights can make it easier to see deer. If it's dusk or dawn, you can use your visor to block out the lighter sky and be able to see things clearer.
- If there is brush or tall grass near the road, be ready just in case.
- Loud noises scare some deer and confuse others. Remember, echoing can cause a deer to think the sound is coming from someplace else.
- If it looks like you are going to hit a deer, don't swerve, just brake.



If you accidentally injure or kill a deer, try to get it off the road if you can. Report the crash immediately to law enforcement. If you leave a deer in the road, it is not only a hazard to the next car, but may draw scavenger animals making matters even worse. Be alert and you can greatly reduce your chances of hitting a deer, or maybe even a pesky wabbit!

Drive and ride vewy, vewy carefully out there!  
John Knickerbocker, Safety Officer



*John Knickerbocker, Safety*



## Consider an Officer Role

If you are interested in getting more involved with the Chapter, consider becoming an officer. You can help shape the Chapter and create a fun group for fellow riders.

Here is brief description of some positions plus the [person currently nominated].

- **Director**-Conduct Chapter meetings, promote membership, coordinate with officers [Bart Ziewacz]
- **Assistant Director**-Support Director, inform members of HOG programs [Tigger Tanner]
- **Secretary**-Take meeting minutes, keep Chapter records, provide Chapter communication, email/newsletter distribution [Don Brown]
- **Treasurer**-Collect and distribute funds, report finances to dealer, comply with revenue reporting [Team-Rhonda Hopkins, Lori Poppe]
- **Safety**-Share safe riding tips and training [John Knickerbocker]
- **Head Road Captain**-Plan ride routes, lead rides when possible [Eric Steffen, Larry Fields]
- **Membership**-Collect membership applications, maintain Chapter membership list, update information on HOG.com [Peggy Brown]
- **Editor**-Gather Chapter information to create and publish the newsletter [Jennifer Steffen]
- **Webmaster**-Maintain Chapter website, update social media sites [Phil Terp]
- **Business Tour Book**-Coordinate Chapter ride book [Team-Bob Fruzen, Ken Meulemans, Wayne Meulemans]
- **Ladies of Harley**-Encourage active engagement for riders [Team-Karen Welter, Patty Pape]
- **Mileage**-Coordinate Chapter mileage challenge and Harley Ride 365 program [Dave Duddek]

- **Entertainment**-Arrange music entertainment at Chapter events [Patty Reedy]
- **Photographer**-Take or obtain photos at Chapter events and publish them on social sites [Jenny McDermid]

Nominate yourself or someone else at the December meeting if a position interests you.

Other non-officer roles include:

- **Old Farts Ride**-Coordinate group rides to Business Tour Stops [Roy Powless]

## Chapter Officer Listing

|                                  |                                                |                                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Director                         | Bart Ziewacz                                   | 920-540-0791                                 |
| Assistant Director               | Don Brown                                      | 920-264-4833                                 |
| Secretary and Email Distribution | Bubb Lidke                                     | 920-494-7986 (h)<br>920-655-7987(m)          |
| Treasurer                        | Rhonda Hopkins                                 | 715-853-1916                                 |
| Safety                           | John Knickerbocker                             | 715-584-9251                                 |
| Head Road Captain                | Stephen Hauseur                                | 920-370-7576                                 |
| Mileage Challenge                | Larry Fields                                   | 920-228-3050                                 |
| Membership                       | Pat Lidke                                      | 920-494-7986 (h)                             |
| Business Tour                    | Bob Fruzen<br>Ken Meulemans<br>Wayne Meulemans | 920-676-2084<br>920-519-1431<br>920-851-1799 |
| Ladies of Harley                 | Karen Welter<br>Peggy Brown<br>Patty Pape      | 715-526-9168<br>314-761-3106<br>715-853-4974 |
| Entertainment                    | Pat Reedy                                      | 920-660-4095                                 |
| Photographer                     | Jenny McDermid                                 | 920-265-9409                                 |
| Editor                           | Joe Langer                                     | 920-217-5635                                 |
| Webmaster                        | Phil Terp                                      | 920-609-1323                                 |
| Dealership                       | Kersten Heling                                 | 715-758-9080 (w)                             |
| Other Appointed Officers         |                                                |                                              |
| Old Farts Ride                   | Roy Powless                                    | 920-246-2420                                 |

Joe Langer, Editor





| <b>Financials</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Membership</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Mileage Challenge</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <p>Financial information reported at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Income was \$358.00,</li> <li>Expenses were \$182.56, and</li> <li>Ending balance is \$3,518.26</li> </ul> | <p>Membership is 181 and there were 68 members in attendance.</p> <p>Welcome to new member Dave Hendricks from Lena.</p> <p>Membership forms are available at Doc's, the Chapter meeting, or the Chapter website.</p> | <p>We have 46 members who have signed up for the Chapter Mileage Challenge and Ride365.</p> <p>The regional chapter leaders are Worcester MA with 723,854 miles, Racine County with 456,024, and Latrobe, PA with 446,306. We are 28<sup>th</sup> with 186,379 miles.</p> |
| <i>Rhonda Hopkins, Treasurer</i>                                                                                                                                                                        | <i>Pat Lidke, Membership</i>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <i>Larry Fields, Mileage</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Calendar of Events

| <b>Date</b>                                                                                                                   | <b>Event</b>                                                                                                                |
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| Nov. 1                                                                                                                        | Red River Riders Day at the Races, HOG Barn, 12:30-5:00pm                                                                   |
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| Dec. 8                                                                                                                        | End of mileage contest                                                                                                      |
| Dec. 10                                                                                                                       | Salvation Army Bell Ringing, 5-8:00pm, 12 people needed at 3 locations                                                      |
| Dec. 29                                                                                                                       | Chapter Joint Officers Mtg, HOG Barn, 6:30pm                                                                                |
| Jan. 4, 2026                                                                                                                  | Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am                                                                                          |
| Jan. 10, 2026                                                                                                                 | Christmas Party, HOG Barn, 3:30pm                                                                                           |
| Closed events are shaded in gray and are intended for Chapter members plus their guest. Non-designated rides are open to all. |                                                                                                                             |

## 2026 H.O.G. Rallies

The 2026 Harley Owners Group rally calendar is locked and loaded and it's shaping up to be another incredible year. Check out the list below.

### 2026 H.O.G. 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
- Ride Home H.O.G. Touring Rally, Hickory, NC to H-D Museum, Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 14-19

### 2026 H.O.G. 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, New England, 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

**More information and registration links for 2026 H.O.G. rallies on the [H.O.G. Rally site](#).**

*Don Brown, Assistant Director*



## Sponsoring Dealer

Doc shared that he has been busy building new animal enclosures for his zoo. First, he made a condo addition to the red barn as winter digs for Ralphie, an African crested porcupine.



Next, the Scottish Highland cow had a baby that they named Finley. He is building a calf pen for him and mom, Bonnie, to hang out in until he gets a little older.

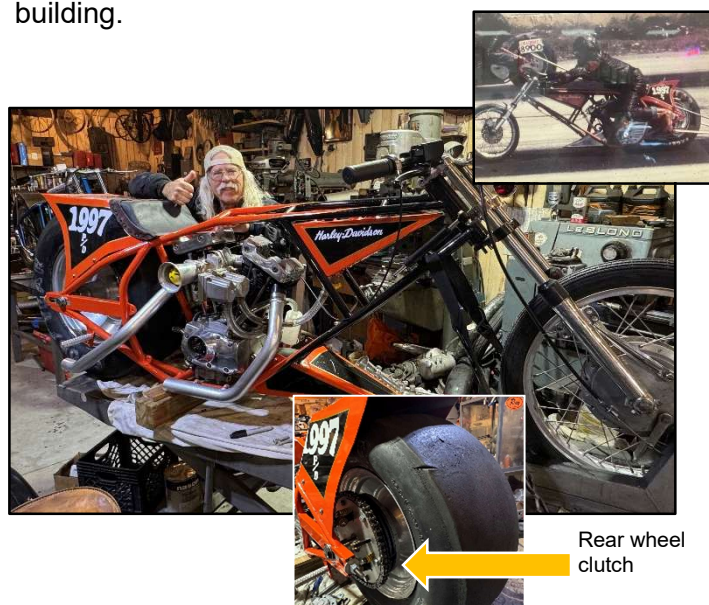
After working in the zoo, Doc can get back to his other passion of building motorcycles.

Doc shared that he is currently working on four bikes: two racing bikes and two bikes from the 20s.

He is building a bike similar to his first gas powered drag bike from the mid-70s. It had a very nice XLR racing engine and a Yetman drag frame that weighed only 26 pounds. It would run 10.2 at 137 mph like clockwork. He couldn't find a Yetman frame, so he fabricated his own. Here is a picture of Doc racing on his original bike and a picture of the bike that he is building.



Doc is working on another race bike that he created with a rear wheel clutch. He built this bike back in 1984 but sold the bike and now he has to remake many of the parts. Here is a picture of him on the original bike and a picture of the bike he is building.



In addition to these two bikes, Doc is also working on a 1929 Harley and a 1928 Harley Peashooter Oval Racer, seen below.



Doc posts progress of his builds on Facebook. You can follow him by [clicking here](#).

Volunteers will be needed for the Turkey Blowup. More details from Kersten to follow via email.

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.