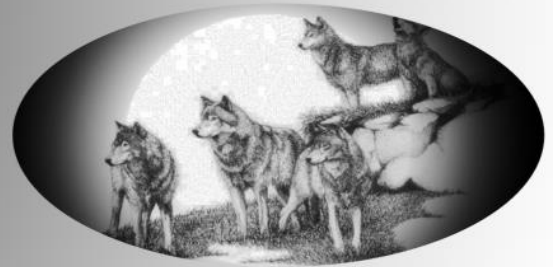




# WOLF RIVER HOG CHAPTER #5629



## NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2024

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

### UPCOMING EVENTS



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

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### Lucky Swine

Jonathan J.



Jonathan was not in attendance, so \$41.50 carries over to July.

### GET INVOLVED

Get Lost with Roy

Join Roy on an Old Fart Ride to a Business Tour Book destination

### STAY CONNECTED



Chapter Website: [www.WolfRiverChapter.com](http://www.WolfRiverChapter.com)  
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 Wolf River HOG Email: [WolfRiverHOG@gmail.com](mailto:WolfRiverHOG@gmail.com)  
 Mileage Challenge Email: [WRHCRide365@outlook.com](mailto: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 everyone for their help with the Chapter Charity ride. He presented a check for \$8,400 to Kathy, Adam, and Glen from the Red River Riders. See a picture on Page 3. Matt thanked Jamie Steeno for the Red River Riders slide show. Matt encourages everyone to attend the **Great Lakes HOG Rally** on June 6, **Algoma Car Show Ride** on June 15, **Doc's Legal Country Drags** on July 14, and **Harley Homecoming** on July 25-27. Next Chapter meeting is July 7.

Assistant Director (Lynne Duddek): Lynne hopes everyone has fun and rides safe at the Great Lakes HOG Rally in Chippewa Falls.

Secretary (Bubb Lidke): Bubb shared that you can see him if you're interested in loading the Business Tour stop information into your Harley GPS. Some emails ending in SBCGlobal.net and SWBell.net are being rejected with members not receiving the newsletter and Chapter messages. If you have these email addresses, please get a new email address and let Bubb know your new email address.

Head Road Captain (Stephen Hauser): Steve shared that he had a good group on the Southeast Ride and those who rode their motorcycles got a free bike wash (it rained). The group made 7 stops in addition to the a stop at the Sheboygan Marsh Tower. See pictures on Page 6. Rain is anticipated for the June 3 Dinner Ride, so everyone should just meet at S&S Hometown in Oconto Falls. Steve will lead a ride on June 15 to the Algoma Car Show. The ride will depart at 9:30am sharp. Watch the Wolf River Friends Facebook site for details and updates.

Business Tour Book (Ken Meulemans): Ken shared that Business Tour books are available at the Chapter meetings and at Doc's. Rider and passenger/guest will need a book to attend the BT Party. The Circle G Bar in Seymour is going back to Frank's Bar. The sign on the building still says Frank's. When you go to the stops, please be good to the staff. Staffing is still a challenge for many places. The June scavenger hunt picture was available at the Meeting.

Photographer (Jenny McDermid): Jenny will take a Chapter photo after the meeting. Please line up outside the HOG Barn.

Old Fart Rides (Roy Powless): Roy invites everyone to "Come get lost with him" on the Old Fart Rides. They are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month going to a Business Tour stop. Rides leave Doc's at 10:30am sharp. June rides are 6/11 and 6/25.

Other News: Dave Zien nominated Doc's to the [Sturgis Motorcycle Museum & Hall of Fame](#). He asked everyone to send a message of support for Doc's to the address at the right ==>>

*Bubb Lidke, Secretary*

## CHAPTER FINANCES

Rhonda shared the financial information since the last report.

- Income was \$1,125.00,
- Expenses were \$424.12 and
- Ending balance is \$14,211.15

Income is from the Business Tour books.

*Rhonda Hopkins, Treasurer*

## LADIES OF HARLEY

Thank you to every person who helped with the Red River Riders Charity Event. From searching out donations from businesses, making a donation for the basket raffle, or volunteering that day. Even those who chose to make the ride. With your help, we DID IT!!!

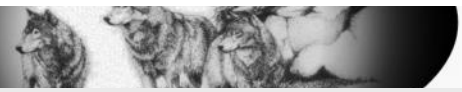
Today, we have the Red River Rider volunteers here to accept the check for \$8400. A huge thank you also goes out to all of them. They helped make this event a success!

### 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
- Dec. 7, Bake Sale (Who should we donate the proceeds to this year?)

*Patty Edinger, Ladies of Harley*

Mail letter of support to:  
Sturgis Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame  
999 Main St  
Sturgis, SD 57785



## CHAPTER MILEAGE CHALLENGE/RIDE 365

We have 109 bikes participating in the mileage challenges so far. Thanks for signing up early!

We have 63,782 miles reported so far on the Ride 365 site. This gives us a ranking of 6<sup>th</sup> in our region and 67<sup>th</sup> out of 406 chapters nationwide.

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.

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](http://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](mailto:WRHCRIDE365@outlook.com).

Thank you, Dave

*Dave Duddek, Mileage Challenge*

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is at 191. There were 86 members at the Chapter meeting.

Welcome to new members **Allan & Judy Boelter** from Shawano, **Carl Hock** from Bonduel, and **Tom Goetz** from Neenah

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*



Matt presents a \$8,400 donation check to the Red River Riders from our Chapter Charity Event



The Bucket Raffle raised money at the Charity Event. Thanks to all who donated & bought tickets.



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at the event.



## SAFETY



### April Showers, No Wait, May Showers, No, June Showers, Oh Hell! Just Be Ready!

It used to be, "April showers bring May flowers". Now it seems it's May showers. And, the first day of June brought, you guessed it, **SHOWERS!!!** So, skip riding, right!?

Hold on there, Bubbas, and Bubbettes. Bikers don't let a little rain stop them from riding, right? Of course not. It just takes a different approach, unless you're a witch or warlock. In which case, you have a legitimate reason to not ride in the rain, because you melt. At least that's what happened in the Wizard of Oz. Well, anyway, yes, it is possible to ride in the rain. Hell, I've ridden in thunderstorms, downpours, and just plain rain, and I am still around to talk about it. Geez people, several years ago I rode from Shawano to Clinton, Iowa at 37 degrees and rain all the way. Was it fun? Not exactly. But, was I able to get to Clinton in one piece? Of course I was, because I am writing this article. Or maybe it's my ghost. No way! I just did it because I had to.

So, how did I do it? Well, we don't have enough space on this page so I won't go into the details of super-sized rubber gloves, masking tape, and hand warmers. Suffice it to say I just did my homework and rode.

Alright, let's get to it. The scenarios are endless. Maybe you are out riding and the rain seems to come out of nowhere. Or, maybe you know you have to go somewhere and you know it's going to rain. Or, Noah got visited by God and, well, you know what happened next. There are dozens of possibilities.



Any biker worth their salt knows you need a good set of rain gear. We are talking a motorcycle specific rain jacket with a hood, which goes on before the full-face or  $\frac{3}{4}$  helmet to make sure you don't get cold water down the back of your neck. It needs to have over-lapping flaps on the front and elastic or Velcro cuffs on the wrist of the sleeves to keep even a driving rain out.

Next, you need a pair of rain pants that are high-waisted to be up underneath your jacket. They should have stirrups to keep the lower legs from creeping up, and elastic or Velcro to keep the bottom of the legs snug around the ankles to help block water being sprayed up off the pavement. But before you put the pants on, you should have a good pair of boot covers. These go over your boots and have stirrups to get them tight against your boots and a way to fasten them tight around your ankles. The only part of your boots that will get wet is the soles. Once the boot covers are on, put your pants on and snug them as tight as possible around the ankles.

Ideally, you have waterproof gloves. Or at the least, a waterproof cover for your gloves. So now, you are ready to ride and arrive at your destination reasonably dry.



Oh, when you buy your rain gear, make sure you are wearing your heaviest regular riding gear so you make sure it is the right size to allow you good mobility. You don't want to be dressed up like a kid in 2 snowsuits. Oh, and make sure your rain gear is as high viz as possible so other road users are more likely to see you. You can find some great rain gear at Doc's Harley-Davidson of Shawano County.



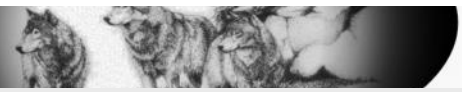
Finally, when you ride in the rain, the rule is simple. **Rain is not ideal conditions! So, SLOW DOWN!** And, be smooth in your riding. Avoid any sudden acceleration, braking, or steering.

Can you safely ride in the rain? I am living proof it can be done. It just takes a little forethought. Hey, even the New Rider classes at Doc's ride in the rain. If they can do it, so can you.

Ride and drive safe out there!

John Knickerbocker  
Safety Officer





## SPONSORING DEALER

Doc shared a story of being raised in Algoma and getting his first Harley. When he was 15 ½, he made a mini-bike, that looked like a chopper, which he got licensed by the Algoma police. After riding it for 3,600 miles and some encounters with the Algoma police, his throttle broke and he went looking for a replacement part.

His friend's grandfather, Walter, had a 1939 Flat-head in pieces in his barn. Walter had laid the bike down in an accident and decided not to ride any longer. After some serious negotiations, Walter sold Doc all of the Harley parts for \$2 which was about all that Doc could afford.

Doc taught himself how to reassemble the bike and he was driving it the entire next summer. A man offered \$100 for the bike, which Doc took and bought a 1950 Panhead for \$120. Today, a 1939 Panhead is worth about \$40,000.

Then a few years ago, Doc found another Flathead, about the same year as his first bike, at an auction. To remember his earlier time, he modified this auction bike to match his original \$2 bike complete with a dragon gas tank. Here are some pictures of his restored bike.

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



*Doc Hopkins, Dealership*

## CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Business Tour	Bob Fruzen Ken Meulemans	920-676-2084 920-519-1431
Mileage Challenge	Dave Duddek	920-373-4939
Dealership	Kersten Heling	715-758-9080 (w)
Other Chapter Roles		
Old Fart Rides	Roy Powless	920-246-2420
Email Distribution	Bubb Lidke	920-494-7986 (h)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

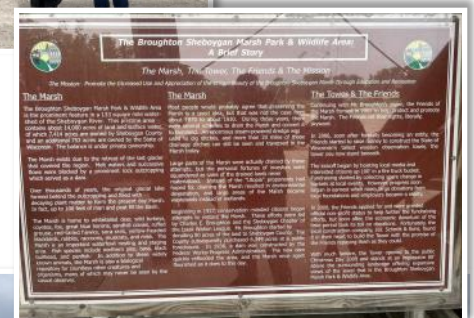
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Jun. 15	Ride to Algoma Car Show, Doc's HD, 9:30am
Jun. 25	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am (1)
Jul. 7	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Jul. 9	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am (1)
Jul. 13	Northeast Ride-Business Tour Stops
Jul. 14	Doc's Legal Country Drags
Jul. 20	Door County Ride
Jul. 23	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am (1)
7/25-28	Harley Homecoming – Milwaukee
Aug. 4	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Aug. 13	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am (1)
Aug. 24	Southwest Ride-Business Tour Stops
Aug. 27	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am (1)
8/31-9/3	Milwaukee Rally
Sep. 1	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Sep. 10	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am (1)
9/12-15	Tomahawk Fall Ride
Sep. 24	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am (1)
Oct. 6	Chapter Meeting and Piglet Sale, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Oct. 8	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am (1)
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 (1)
Oct.	Doc's Halloween Extravaganza?
Nov. 2	Red River Riders Day at the Races
Nov. 3	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Nov. 9	Business Tour Party 3:30pm
Nov.	Doc's Turkey Blowup?

Date	Event
Dec. 1	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Dec. 2	End of mileage contest
Dec. 6	Shawano Christmas Parade
Dec. 7	Santa - LOH 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

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



Head Road Captain, Steve Hauser, took the Southeast Ride group to see the lookout tower in the Broughton Sheboygan Marsh, in addition to seven Business Tour stops..



(1) Old Farts Rides 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month April-October. Rain date is Thursday. Meet at Doc's. Check Facebook for times and updates.