



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



DECEMBER 2025 Newsletter

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

Lucky Swine

Randy F.

Randy was not in attendance, so \$62 will carry over to next month.

Get Involved

Plan to attend the Chapter Christmas Party on Saturday, January 10.



Invite Your Friends to Join the Chapter!

Stay Connected

Chapter Website: www.WolfRiverChapter.com
Chapter Facebook: [Wolf River Chapter 5629](#)
Members Facebook: [Wolf River Friends](#)

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





Chapter Meeting Updates

Director (Bart Ziewacz): Bart thanked everyone who attended the benefit for John May's granddaughter. John shared that they raised over \$21,000, far exceeding their expectations. They intend to use this to give his granddaughter an experience in New York City and Washington DC.

The Business Tour Party was a big success with 141 people attending. We sold 168 books this year compared to 212 in 2024. Thanks to all that helped at the party and those attending.

Bart shared that the Chapter Christmas Party is Saturday, January 10. Cost is \$20 which includes the meal and music. Doors open at 2:30pm, food from 3:00-4:00pm, and music starting at 3:30pm.

Bart shared the slate of 2026 Chapter Officers and invited any other nominations. Patty Reedy was nominated and accepted for activities officer. With no other nominations, the chapter voted on the slate of officers. It was unanimously approved. The list of 2026 officers can be found on page 4.

Bart reminded people to contact Liz Selby to help Salvation Army Bell ringing on December 10 from 5-8:00pm (12 people). Don's Market in Seymour, Qualheim's True Value in Shawano, and Charlie's County Market in Shawano. We need four people at each location.

Bart reminded current and future officers that there is a joint officer's meeting on Monday, December 29 at 6:30pm in the HOG Barn.

Assistant Director (Don Brown): Don shared that the [Let's Ride Challenge™ Ride for Heroes](#), donated \$1 million to our nation's Military, Veterans and First Responders thanks to all the riders who collectively rolled up more than 83 million miles in support of this great cause. The challenge is returning for 2026.

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 my article on Page 5 for more rally details.

Treasurer (Rhonda Hopkins): Rhonda shared that she is collecting \$20 for the Christmas Party until January 4. Chapter members can send a check to Doc's, attention Rhonda, for the Christmas party or bring money to the January Chapter meeting.

Road Captain (Stephen Hauser): Steve thanked everyone who came on the rides and supported him during his three years as Road Captain.

Ladies of Harley (Karen Welter): Karen thanked everyone who brought items for the Bake Sale. She also thanked the Chapter members and Doc's staff. The sale raised \$686.75 which was donated to John May's granddaughter fundraiser. Karen shared a thank you card received from John May.

Planning will begin for 2026 with a focus on the May charity ride.

Business Tour Book (Bob Fruzen): Bob shared that the Business Tour Party was a great success. The band was excellent. He thanked everyone who helped with the event. He also thanked the Chapter members that patronized the tour book stops.

Membership (Peggie Brown): Peggie shared that we have 181 members and 55 were at the meeting. Thank you to Marge Delmont for assisting at the meeting.

Entertainment (Pat Reedy): Patty thanked everyone who attended the Business Tour Party. The band was great. The leader of the band donated \$100 to John May's fundraiser.

Old Farts Ride (Roy Powless): Roy shared that he has some special rides planned for 2026. He will do two memorial rides. Come get lost with me.





Safety

Santa's Bag of Stuff for You!



Ho, ho, holy crap! Wow, what a great line for a radio commercial. Wait! I seem to recall that from a car dealer ad. Oh well. Let me try that again. Ho, ho, holy crap! Do you believe this weather? Mother Nature must be going through menopause. One day she's up. The next day she's down.



Anyway, Merry Christmas! Joyous Kwanzaa! Happy Hanukkah! And all the rest of the celebrations that happen at this time of year! Sandy Klaus here. I'm Santa's 2nd cousin, 14 times removed, then reinstated, then removed, then reinstated. He's a little busy right now so he asked me to take his place for the meeting. He sent along an early gift for you, especially since the winter up here on the Frozen Tundra is supposed to be extra cold and snowy. No, I'm sorry. He's backlogged on new Harleys. Besides, you wouldn't want to ride one right now anyhow. Santa wants me to share this bag of goodies with you. Well, it's more things he feels you should have in your vehicle for safe winter driving.

These days, a cell phone and a cell service company with really good signal service is a must. Next, Santa suggests you have a winter emergency kit with you. In addition to a good first aid kit, below are just a few things it's good to have in it. Remember to keep these inside the passenger compartment because if you wind up in deep snow, you may not be able to get to the back of your vehicle. Oh, and make sure they are well secured in case of a crash. Not much worse than watching your winter emergency kit fly out your windshield.

Pack some high calorie snack foods like trail mix with nuts, raisins and maybe even some M & Ms. (I'm partial to the red and green ones myself), and some type of granola or energy bars. Of course, remember to take a bottle or 2 of water with you wherever you go. Have a flashlight or 2 with extra batteries. Next, add 2 large soup or small metal coffee cans. One to burn a long-lasting candle in and one can to pee in if you must. It's not easy to pee out a car window you know. Take some warm clothes, boots, and gloves or mittens. Always have some disposable body, hand, and foot warmers along and a good quality sleeping bag. If space is tight, a foil emergency blanket. They hold heat in quite well. Of course, naturally, you keep ice scrapers, snow brushes or brooms, in your vehicle and a collapsible shovel. A small bag of kitty litter or sand to help with traction, and a tow rope.



Of course, make sure all of your vehicle's systems are ready for winter too. Exhaust system, battery and charging, engine tuned, wipers, and brakes need to be in tip-top shape.

All year round, keep things like a good first-aid kit, rags or a roll of paper towels, a roll of toilet paper, jumper cables, a basic tool kit, a roll of duct tape and one of electrician's tape, flares or flashing emergency light, and extra washer fluid. If you have an older vehicle, it is good to keep some extra oil, transmission fluid, anti-freeze, radiator stop leak, and a lubricant like WD-40.



As for driving in the winter, you know that when conditions are less than ideal, slow down! If things are really bad, don't drive at all. On ice, packed snow, or slush, avoid any sudden steering, acceleration, and especially braking. Begin slowing way ahead of any stop signs, traffic lights, other traffic, or other potentially hazardous situations. Hey, if you're not paying attention to this, there's always Santa's naughty list. So, you better watch out!

Oh! And Santa has a special request. *Remember the milk, cookies, and carrots please. The Reindeer and Santa need all the energy they can get to make their rounds these days! And it's a lot safer than Red Bull or No-Doz. Ride and drive safe out there! Ho, ho, ho!* John Knickerbocker, Safety Officer

John Knickerbocker, Safety





Current 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) 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 Ken Meulemans Wayne Meulemans	920-676-2084 920-519-1431 920-851-1799
Ladies of Harley	Karen Welter Peggie Brown Patty Pape	715-526-9168 314-761-3106 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

Congratulations to 2026 Chapter Officers

The list of 2026 Chapter Officers is as follows:

- Director, **Bart Ziewacz**
- Assistant Director, **Tigger Tanner**
- Secretary and Email Distribution, **Don Brown**
- Treasurer Team, **Rhonda Hopkins** and **Lori Poppe**
- Head Road Captain, **Erik Steffen**
- Safety, **John Knickerbocker**
- Ladies of Harley Team, **Karen Welter** and **Patty Pape**
- Mileage, **David Duddek**
- Business Tour Book Team, **Bob Fruzen**, **Ken Meulemans**, **Wayne Meulemans**, and **Lynne Duddek**
- Membership, **Peggie Brown**
- Editor, **Jennifer Steffen**
- Webmaster, **Phil Terp**
- Photographer, **Jenny McDermid**
- Entertainment and Activities, **Pat Reedy**
- Old Fart Rides Leader, **Roy Powless**
- Dealership, **Kersten Heling**

Bart Ziewacz, Director

2026 H.O.G. Rallies

The 2026 Harley Owners Group rally calendar is locked and loaded. 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, 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

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

Don Brown, Assistant Director





Financials	Membership	Mileage Challenge
Financial information reported at the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income was \$135.00, Expenses were \$80.00, and Ending balance is \$3,573.26 	Membership is 181 and there were 55 members in attendance. Membership forms are available at Doc's, the Chapter meeting, or the Chapter website.	We have 46 members who have signed up for the Chapter Mileage Challenge and Ride365. The regional chapter leaders are Worcester MA with 854,768 miles, Berks County PA with 591,712, and Bull Falls with 499,991. We are 20 th with 274,033 miles.
<i>Rhonda Hopkins, Treasurer</i>	<i>Pat Lidke, Membership</i>	<i>Larry Fields, 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

Doc and Aidan (Kersten's son) thanked everyone for helping during the Turkey Blowup. See the before and explosive pictures on the left.

Doc shared that you can find a more than 350-million-year-old Petoskey stone, a fossilized piece of ancient coral, found naturally only in Petoskey, Michigan. Watch the event calendar on Doc's website for more details about a Christmas Party being planned for December 20.

There's a book in the works on Doc's life and on the creation and growth of Doc's Harley-Davidson. Among the things we're looking for to illustrate in the book are examples of the Shop Party gifts that Doc created to be given away as prizes.

If you were lucky enough to be the recipient of one of those creations, we'd love to take a photo of it for the book. If you have one, please contact Rick Berg at rickb112803@gmail.com or 920.660.4928. Thanks in advance.

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

