



WOLF RIVER HOG CHAPTER #5629



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2025

RIDE SAFE • GET INVOLVED • HAVE FUN!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 5	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Jan. 11	Christmas Party, HOG Barn, see calendar for details
Jan. 22	Dinner, Timeline Saloon, 5:30pm
Feb. 2	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Feb. 19	Dinner, TBD, 5:30pm
Feb. 26	Chapter Officers' Meeting, HOG Barn, 6:30pm

Check Wolf River Facebook sites for event updates.

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Lucky Swine

Thomas D.



Thomas was present so he won \$35.

GET INVOLVED

Celebrate Christmas

Attend the Chapter Christmas Party

STAY CONNECTED



Chapter Website: www.WolfRiverChapter.com
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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 (Bart Ziewacz): Bart shared that the last sign up date for the Christmas Party was January 5. The Party is in the HOG Barn with doors opening at 3pm, food from 4-5:30, awards from 5:30-6, and band to follow. This is a 21+ event.

At the Officer's Meeting, the 2025 Charity Rides were discussed and the group prefers to do only one charity event this year. Bart will talk to Kersten to get the dealer's perspective to make a final decision.

In the past, we have supported Shawano area parades with volunteers to help with parking and traffic support. Attendance has been low and Bart asked the group if this should continue. We do get paid for this. The membership, by show of hands, indicated that they no longer want to support this service. We'll ask this question again as the parade dates get closer.

We had the Ladies of Harley (LOH) and Activities officer positions open and three members stepped forward for the LOH: Karen Welter, Peggy Brown, and Patty Pape. Thank you very much.

Finally, \$500 from the Lucky Swine funds is being donated to Safe Haven, a Shawano area domestic abuse support organization.

Assistant Director (Don Brown): Don shared that registration is open for the **Mid-America H.O.G. Rally** in Springfield, MO from June 5-7. There is an Orange Package for \$40 that includes a rally wristband, t-shirt, pin, and patch plus a Black Package for \$30 that includes a wristband, pin, and patch. [Click here](#) to sign into the HOG website to learn more and register. Orange Package registration closes on 5/7 and Black Package closes on 6/4. Here are a few hotels that have rooms for the Rally.

Facility	Address	Phone
Oasis Hotel & Convention Cntr	2546 N Glenstone, Springfield MO	417-866-5253
Comfort Inn	2815 N Glenstone, Springfield MO	417-868-8246
Drury Inn	2715 N Glenstone, Springfield MO	417-863-8400
Hampton Inn	2750 N Glenstone, Springfield MO	417-549-3258

Also, the **Great Lakes H.O.G. Rally** will be in Marquette, MI on June 26-28. Similar Orange and Black Packages are available for this Rally as well. Orange Package registration closes on 5/28 and Black Package closes on 6/25. Lodging information will be available soon. [Click here](#) to sign into the HOG website to learn more and register.

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Bubb Lidke, Secretary

CHAPTER FINANCES

Rhonda shared the financial information since the last report.

- Income was \$155.00,
- Expenses were \$80.00, and
- Ending balance is \$4245.70

Some of the account balance will be used for the Christmas Party and Mileage Contest awards.

Rhonda Hopkins, Treasurer

LADIES OF HARLEY

Thank you to the 16 Wolf River members and employees of Doc's who donated baked goods for the Ladies of Harley Bake Sale.

Also, thank you to the members who helped with the bake sale that day.

We raised \$943 for the homeless shelter Sam25! (Shawano Area Matthew 25, Inc.). CoVantage Credit Union agreed to match our funds, so SAM25 will receive a total of \$1886 from the Bake Sale.

Thank you also to all who signed up for desserts and serving food at the upcoming Christmas party this Saturday, January 11, 2025.

The Christmas Party is the last chance to donate food, plus health and beauty items, to the food drive for the Shawano Food Pantry!

Patty Edinger, Ladies of Harley



CHAPTER MEETING NEWS (Continued)

Secretary (Bubb Lidke): Bubb shared that the February newsletter will be the last one sent to those members that have not renewed their Chapter membership for 2025. Non-renewed members will be removed after February.

Head Road Captain (Stephen Hauser): Steve shared that since the winter solstice, days are getting longer. Riding season will be here soon. This month a Dinner meet-up will be held at the Timeline Saloon on Jan. 22 at 5:30pm. Dinner gatherings will be planned throughout the year.

He will also plan some scenic rides to a lunch location with optional business tour stops if people want. These will not be “bar-hopping” rides. Look for more detail later.

Business Tour Book (Wayne Meulemans): Wayne shared that 130 applications have been sent out with 3 already returned. Don't get upset if a stop is closed when you're there. Just let the Business Tour team know.

Editor (Joe Langer): Joe shared that he is always looking for ways to improve the newsletter. One idea is to include our favorite places to ride in the newsletter. If you have a favorite ride you want to share with the members, please send it to him at jlanger@new.rr.com.

Old Farts Ride (Roy Powless): Roy got a new Wisconsin atlas for Christmas. Now he can really plan fun rides. He plans to begin rides in April .



CHAPTER MILEAGE CHALLENGE/RIDE 365

We are still processing the final numbers but it appears the Chapter will report over 430,000 miles for Ride365 in 2024. This should give us a ranking of 10th in our Region.

The 2025 Chapter Mileage Challenge will cost \$10 per class. The Classes are Softail/Dyna/Street+, Women's Touring/Trike, Men's Touring/Trike, Shake Rattle n Roll, and Passenger.

The HOG Ride 365 program is free and you can earn rewards from Harley for your reported miles.

Sign up for either or both of these mileage programs at the Chapter meetings. Be sure to submit your miles every month.

Larry Fields, Mileage Challenge

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is at 149 and there were 74 members in attendance at the Chapter meeting.

Welcome to new member Tari Howard.

Membership cards are being distributed at the Chapter meeting. If you have submitted your 2025 application, come to a meeting to get your card. Thanks to Jennifer Steffens, Carrie Buell, Sherry Herold, and Trish for helping distribute cards.

Applications can be...

- * Submitted at the Chapter meetings,
- * Mailed to **WRHC Membership, Pat Lidke, 4671 Seminole Trail, Green Bay, WI 54313**, or
- * Dropped off at Doc's Harley Davidson

Remember to get your membership card punched at every meeting or at events starting at Doc's. Get a discount at Doc's with your membership card.

Thank you to Marge Delmont for helping at the meeting.

Pat Lidke, Membership



SAFETY



What's Your New Year's Resolution?



What's your New Year's resolution? *Lose weight? Stop smoking? Stop Procrastinating? Whatever!?*

What resolution would help you live longer, thus ride and drive longer? As a motorcyclist and driver, the obvious answer would be to work on being a safer driver/rider than you were last year. Think back to this past year and ask yourself, can I do it better? Can I do it safer and yet have fun? Of course you can! It's simpler than you might think.

How many times has that crazy safety guy talked about SEE (Search, Evaluate, and Execute)? Well, guess what, it works in all phases of life, not just in motorcycling and driving. It even works in everyday life. Think about it for a minute.



You're in the kitchen cooking. You Search for the item you need and find it on the top shelf of your cupboard. You Evaluate and surmise it is just out of your reach. You quickly think of options to get the object down. You could try to jump up and grab it. But, what could go wrong? Knock other items down on your head. Twist an ankle. Scrape an elbow on the shelving. You could crawl up on the countertop. But what if you slip? Knees, elbows, head, you name it. It's not worth it.

Then you look around and see that nice sturdy stepstool. It would be easier to climb than the countertop. It would allow you to carefully take hold of the item you want without having to worry about knocking other things down on top of you. So, you Execute.

It was a simple task you say. Of course it was. But, taking that few moments to use SEE made it more likely you, (or someone else) wouldn't suffer any pain.

You can use SEE in relationships. When a situation arises with someone, Search for the potential hazard. Evaluate what would happen if? Think through the possible responses. Then choose the one that will likely have the most positive outcome and Execute.

If you ponder for just a few minutes all the decisions you make in a day, and it's estimated the average adult makes about 35,000 of them, that's 35,000 opportunities to use SEE. Granted, many of those decisions will not take much time to make. But, if you practice SEE all the time, you will likely find that you will be less likely to have an issue of any kind. Think about it.



Ride, Drive, and Live safe out there! But have fun in the process.



John Knickerbocker, Safety Officer



SPONSORING DEALER

Doc shared that in 2023, his grandson, Aidan, was all high on the Titanic because he had a behind the scenes tour of a Titanic exhibit. So, he built a model Titanic ship from a cedar tree for him. Last year, Aidan went to the Whitefish Point Museum and learned all about the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald. So once again, he turned to the woods, cut down a huge cedar tree, and carved a 5 foot replica of the Edmund Fitzgerald. Ironically, he cut the tree down on November 11, which was one day after the

Edmund Fitzgerald sank 50 years ago!. He has about 200 hours in building the ship and it was really quite fun to build. It made him feel good to do something nice for his grandson.

[Click here](#) to see more pictures of Doc carving the Edmund Fitzgerald model ship

Doc also shared that he saw this acreage in 1997 as a possible location for the dealership. Harley was suggesting a location on the highway instead of the Shawano industrial park. Unfortunately, the land was zoned farming, so he had to seek a variance to rezone it for commercial. The local residents were divided into expanding the tax base or just keeping everything agricultural. It came down to one vote and luckily they supported the rezoning. It really shows the difference one person can make.

The HOG Barn is available for your event with seating available 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.



Kersten Heling, Dealership

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Old Farts Rides	Roy Powless	920-246-2420



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event
Jan. 5	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Jan. 11	Christmas Party, HOG Barn, Doors open 3pm, Food 4-5:30pm, Awards, 5:30-6pm, Band to follow. Must be 21+
Jan. 22	Dinner, Timeline Saloon, 5:30pm
Feb. 2	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Feb. 19	Dinner, TBD, 5:30pm
Feb. 26	Chapter Officers' Meeting, HOG Barn, 6:30pm
Mar. 2	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Mar. 19	Dinner, TBD, 5:30pm
Apr. 6	Chapter Meeting and Piglet Sale, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Apr. 9	Dinner, TBD, 5:30pm
Apr. 16	Chapter Officers' Meeting, HOG Barn, 6:30pm
Apr. 19	Highway Cleanup, Doc's HD, 9:30am
Apr. 29	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
May 4	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
May 13	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
May 21	Dinner, TBD, 5:30pm
May 27	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
May 28	Chapter Officers Meeting, HOG Barn, 6:30pm
Jun. 1	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Jun. 5-7	Mid-American HOG Rally, Springfield, MO
Jun. 10	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
	Steve's Scenic Ride
Jun. 18	Dinner, TBD, 5:30pm
Jun. 24	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
June 26-28	Great Lakes HOG Rally, Marquette, MI
Jul. 6	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Jul. 8	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Jul. 10-13	Harley Homecoming – Milwaukee
Jul. 13	Docs Legal Country Drags
Jul. 16	Dinner, TBD, 5:30pm
	Steve's Scenic Ride
Jul. 22	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am

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Aug. 3	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Aug. 12	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Aug. 20	Dinner, TBD, 5:30am
Aug.	Steve's Scenic Ride
Aug. 26	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Sep. 7	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Sep. 9	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Sep. 11-13	Tomahawk Fall Ride
Sep. 17	Dinner, TBD, 5:30am
Sep. 23	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Sep.	Steve's Scenic Ride
Oct. 5	Chapter Meeting and Piglet Sale?, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Oct. 14	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 10:30am
Oct. 15	Chapter Officers Meeting, HOG Barn, 6:30pm
Oct. 18	Highway Cleanup, Doc's HD, 9:30am
Oct. 25?	Doc's Halloween Extravaganza
Oct. 28	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 11:00am
Nov. 1	Red River Riders Day at the Races
Nov. 2	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Nov. 8	Business Tour Party 3:30pm
Nov. 11	Old Farts Ride, Doc's HD, 11:00am
Nov. 29?	Turkey Blowup?
Dec. 3?	Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Dec. 6?	Santa - LOH Bake Sale
Dec. 7	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Dec. 8	End of mileage contest
Dec. 29	Chapter Joint Officers Mtg 6:30pm
Jan. 4, 2026	Chapter Meeting, HOG Barn, 10:30am
Jan. 10, 2026	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.

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