



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



AUGUST 2026 Newsletter

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Sept 6	Ride4Fun weather permitting	Docs	15 min after mtg

KSU = Kick Stands Up – this signifies LEAVING time
See Calendar of Events for more events and details.
Check Facebook sites for last minute updates.

Lucky Swine Katherine P.



Was NOT in attendance
and the pot rolls to next
month.



Ride for Hope: Grab Life by the Balls Saturday, August 8th Ladies of Harley is holding a charity ride:

Supporting Spierings Foundation, helping families affected by testicular cancer

\$10 per person donation

**Registration at Doc's at 9:00 am, KSU at 10:00 am
Second registration at Shoots Bar & Grill at 10:00 am, KSU at 11:00 am**

Destination: Rocky and Tara's Nut House

Join us for some fun and games, a 50/50 Raffle, Raffle Prizes,
Carpe Scrotum can koozies, themed cookies, and a band!

All vehicles are welcome. Come have some fun with the Ladies of our chapter!

If you ordered a t-shirt, they will be provided at the ride.
Note: T-shirts were pre-order ONLY



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





8/02/26 Chapter Meeting Updates

Director (Bart Ziewacz)

Please remember the Business Tour Book does include rules at the front of the book, reminders:

- #3 Each person must get their own book stamped, anyone caught getting a book stamped for someone who is not present will not be eligible to receive extra tickets at the Business Tour Party, they will be limited to 5 tickets provided they have met the 30 stamp minimum.
- #4 Fees for the books are \$10.00 each and gain entry for 1 person, you must buy the book in advance of the Tour Book Party, no cash will be accepted at the Party for entry.
- #7 You MUST have 30 stops to receive 5 tickets to be eligible for Door Prizes.
- # 10 Our sponsors are important to us. Recently at Skinny Daves 3 couples came in, did not open the book to the correct page, and did not purchase anything
- Please be respectful of the establishments staff. The bars pay to be in the book

Chrome Chapter: One key step in the process of achieving Chrome Chapter recognition is to have at least 10 members of your chapter attend a HOG event during 2026. There are two ways to accomplish this goal: members can attend a **free** HOG event and check-in or **register** to attend a HOG regional, national, or touring rally. This helps the chapter and dealership qualify for the Chrome Chapter Designation in 2027.

We are still looking for an Activities Officer, please reach out to a current officer if you are interested in getting involved in this capacity! Contact info in the newsletter or email hog@gmail.com

Assistant Director (Tigger Tanner)

Back by popular demand, the National HOG Rally rolls into Branson, Missouri, where the Ozark Mtns set the stage for an unforgettable experience. Ride winding roads with sweeping overlooks, cruise past Table Rock Lake, and explore the region's rich musical heritage with Branson's famous live shows. Off the motorcycle, enjoy the lively downtown, unique attractions, and plenty of HOG camaraderie. There is great riding during the day and at night there will be great entertainment: 9/10 'Big Gun' AC/DC tribute

band, 9/11 'Colt Ford' national recording artist, 9/12 'Jackyl' everyone's favorite.

Secretary (Don Brown)

Janda's Bar & Grill in Luxemburg is hosting their 2nd Annual Car Show on Aug 22, Registration 9 to 11 am, entry fee \$10, runs 11 am to 4 pm, food available for purchase.

Let's ride Challenge - now through October 31 – registering and logging miles supports our nation's heroes, every mile you ride helps drive donations – up to \$1 million for military members, veterans and first responders. 67.6 million miles already logged. You must use this link to register for the program: [Let's Ride Challenge](#) and check in at the dealership, they will scan your QR Code on your app and validate your mileage. See milestone incentives on page 4

Old Fart Ride (Roy Powless)

Rides this month: 8/11 & 8/25 (Thurs rain date). Show up with $\frac{3}{4}$ tank of gas. Meet at Docs 10:00 am KSU at 10:30 am. Come get lost with Roy!

Editor (Jennifer Steffen)

Get newsletter items to Don Brown or Jennifer. 1,433 women broke the world record 6/13/26 in Rockford IL! Prior record of female riders was 1,002 in Australia.

Ladies of Harley (Karen Welter)

See you all at the August 8th ride!

Mileage (Dave Duddek):

Mileage Challenges: Take a picture of your odometer & show Dave, or text 920-373-4939, or email WRHCRIDE365@outlook.com Ride 365 through Dec.

Business Tour Book (Lynne Duddeck, et al):

Little Topsy's is closed due to flood damage, they confirmed they will not reopen this year, it is now a free stop in your book.

Road Captain (Erik Steffen)

Erik is planning Ride4Fun rides after the chapter meetings, watch Facebook for details. Today the ride is heading to Blue Spruce. He needs blockers for the August 8th ride! Text him at 920-360-6482.

Don Brown, Secretary



Safety

Distance Makes the Difference

There was this rider less than 40 feet (like 2.5 car lengths) from the rear of an RV camper ahead. They were both traveling 70mph (most ding-dong drivers go faster) in Green Bay with 4 lanes going in the same direction. Suddenly, the RV swerved to the next lane to the left. There was a car going very slow in the lane where the RV had been. This rider had great reactions, but no matter how quick a person's reaction time, it was not enough. This rider slammed on the brakes, but still rammed into the back of the slow-moving car. Fortunately, the driver was wearing their safety belt, and the air bags did their job. However, the rider was thrown over the handlebars and landed on the hood of the car. The car driver braked instinctively causing the rider to be catapulted onto the pavement in front of the car. Fortunately for the rider, their helmet took the punishment of hitting the pavement. But there were a number of broken bones. Both vehicles were totaled.



No one gets up the in morning and thinks, "I'm going to crash my vehicle today." Yet, most drivers and riders drive like they are inviting a crash. Yes, **MOST DRIVERS and RIDERS!** In order to be safe (smart) drivers or riders, they need a minimum of 4 seconds between their vehicle and the vehicle ahead of them. At 70mph, it's best to leave 5 or more seconds space in front of their vehicle. Why?

I'm glad you asked. At only 55mph, a vehicle is traveling very close to 81 feet per second. For older folks, it's about 4.5 car lengths. (But, car lengths don't work anymore.) Doing simple math, 4 (seconds) times 81 feet is 324 feet. That's longer than a football field! But, that's the kind of margin a smart drivers and riders need to be able to safely perceive a problem, analyze it, decide what to do (brake, swerve, or a combination of both), and then carry out their plan.

If weather and road conditions are not ideal (rain, fog, snow, ice, gravel, etc.), increase your following distance. How do you figure out how close you are to the vehicle ahead of you? Pick a fixed object on or near the road ahead. A sign, crack in the road, shadow, anything. When the vehicle in front of you passes that point, begin to count, "One motorcycle, two motorcycle, and so on." If you only get to 1, 2, or even 3 at speeds over 55 mph, you are too close. Back off until you achieve 4 seconds under ideal conditions. If you are traveling faster than that, make it 5 to 6 seconds. Now you can consider yourself a smarter driver or rider.



How about turn signals? We'll deal with that next time. John Knickerbocker (A.K.A., "Mr. Safety") Safety Officer

There's Still Time for You to be a Better Rider (And Save Money to Boot!)

No matter how long you have been riding, "You can always be a better rider". That quote is from a Motorcycle Safety Foundation presentation. And, man (or woman), how true it is.

Doc's H-D will be holding an Intermediate Rider Licensing Course, sometimes called the Skilled Rider Course. It is not a course for wimps. If you already have your motorcycle endorsement, you can take the course as an enhancement. Many motorcycle insurance companies offer a discount on your premiums when you pass a safety course. Oh, wait! Not only that, but you could also earn "a \$50 tuition reimbursement voucher, plus an exclusive "Safe Rider Skills" pin and patch. So, for \$225, you may get a discount on your insurance, a \$50 gift certificate, AND, you come out a better rider than when you started. How cool is that!?

The course is taking place on Saturday and Sunday, August 15 and 16. There are only 3 seats left. So, you better get signed up quick. You can sign up online through Doc's H-D's website or stop by Doc's and they will help you get registered. Oh, did I mention lunch is furnished on Saturday? Free food too?! Oh YES! What are you waiting for? Sign up now!

John Knickerbocker, Safety Officer





Chapter Officers

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	920-373-2377
	Bob Fruzen	920-676-2084
	Ken Meulemans	920-519-1431
	Wayne Meulemans	920-851-1799
Ladies of Harley	Karen Welter	715-526-9168
	Patty Pape	715-853-4974
Entertainment	Pat Reedy	920-660-4095
Activities	OPEN	
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

Mileage Challenges Updates

If you are participating in Ride 365, report your mileage to be given a ticket. Print your name on the back of the ticket and drop it in the bucket. One ticket will be drawn at the end of the meeting. Must be present to win.

Congrats to Annette VanLanen, this month's winner!



Dave Duddek, Mileage

Let's Ride Milestone Rewards:

Milestone	Member	Non-Member H-D Riders	Non-H-D Rider
First Odometer Reading	Sticker	Sticker	Sticker
500 Miles	Keychain	Keychain	Keychain
1,000 Miles	Coin	Coin	Coin
2,500 Miles	Flashlight	Flashlight	Flashlight
5,000 Miles	Hat +2,500 Bonus Points	Complimentary 1-yr. H.O.G. Membership	
10,000 Miles	Water Bottle	Water Bottle	Water Bottle
October Reading	Patch	Patch	Patch

HOG Rallies

Check out the list below and this site: [HOG Event site](#)

2026 HOG Touring Rallies in Wisconsin

- Tour of Valor H.O.G. Touring Rally – Pensacola, FL to Madison, WI, September 1-9

2026 HOG Regional Rallies

- H.O.G. National Rally, Branson, MO, September 9-12; All Access Branson. Link: <https://www.bransonshows.com>

Sturgis Rally Details

H.O.G. Member Check-in (2 locations)

Visit both check-ins to receive a rally token unique to each location. Members must present HOG membership card to receive token at Pappy Hotel

Tigger Tanner, Assistant Director

Campground/Full Throttle Saloon, 19942 SD-79, Vale, SD and Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle St, Sturgis, SD. 8/7 to 8/14, 10 am - 5pm.

Sturgis Motorcycle Rally Challenge

For those who love to ride, this challenge is a great way to explore the Black Hills. Visit 6 of 8 selected challenge locations and check-in digitally via the [H-D App](#). After completing the challenge, return to either the Sturgis Community Center or Pappy Hotel Campground by 3 pm on 8/14, to receive a gift.

H.O.G. Member Ride

Saddle up for the Annual "Kick'n It Old School" ride to Devil's Tower. New this year, we're heading first to Alzada, MT, then to Devil's Tower and finally stopping for lunch at Stonehouse Saloon in Belle Fourche, SD, where the official ride ends. \$25 registration fee includes lunch and a ride T-shirt. Register [here](#).

Pappy Hotel Campground - Full Throttle Saloon, 8/9, check-in and staging: 8-8:30 am, KSU: 8:30 am, Registration closed 7/26.





Financials	Membership	Mileage Challenge
Financial information reported at the meeting: - Income was \$115.00 - Expenses were \$0.00 - Ending balance is \$3,243.09	Membership is 152 and there were 72 members in attendance. Membership forms are available at Doc's, the Chapter meeting, or the Chapter website.	We have 99 members who have signed up for the Chapter Mileage Challenge with 103 bikes entered. Current 111,192 miles, ranked 15 out of 493.
<i>Rhonda Hopkins, Treasurer</i>	<i>Peggie Brown, Membership</i>	<i>Dave Duddek, Mileage</i>

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Sept 9 to 12	National HOG Rally	Branson MO	Multiple
Sept 17 to 20	Fall Ride	Tomahawk	Multiple

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

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

The **Chrome Chapter Recognition Program** is a Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.) initiative that rewards local chapters for thriving, engaging their community, and helping members get the best possible experience from their Harley-Davidson®.

Let's help Doc get additional recognition by earning this for the Wolf River HOG Chapter, his sponsored chapter.

Here is some of what is required:

- 50% of member record mileage readings twice with the dealership by the end of the year – you can do this in conjunction with the Let's Ride program for other incentives
- 10 Members attend a HOG Rally, if you attend, be sure to check in using your Harley App
- Officers attend Regional Officer Connection (ROC)
- Officers submit an action plan
- Run 4 rides that welcome and encourage new riders



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

