



LET'S DO SOME FALL RIDING!!

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NEWSLETTER

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Editor: Carolyn Fox

Hello everyone...

We finished our "Official" 2022 riding season with some great September rides, hope you had a chance to participate on some of them. The officers are already thinking of our 2023 riding season. Activities has included a brief summary of some rides to consider, and potentially vote on at the next meeting...so be sure to check out the Activities sections.

Director: Scott Herbert

Next month, at the October meeting, we will be doing nominations for the 2023 **Primary** positions (*Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer and Secretary*). We will also have sign-up sheets for the discretionary positions. The discretionary positions are all *volunteered positions* which are Activities, Head Road Captain, Road Captains, Safety officer, Membership, Editor, Historian and Photographer. If you are interested in any of these please sign up. If we have multiple people sign up for the Primary position(s), then a vote will be taken by the membership to decide which candidate will hold the position.

I would like to thank Scott White for the great ride to Ohio to see the Ohio State Reformatory.

The scheduled riding season has come to an end so if you have any impromptu rides, please let us know and we will get them scheduled.

On October 8th Hot Rod will be having a Riding Academy Welcome back workshop. This is for anyone who have taken the Riders Edge classes. Time is 11-2pm.

Thank you everyone for a great riding season. Giving out the Ding-a-ling bell is going to be difficult this year as we all rode safe!

Best wishes from the Director
Scott Herbert

The SEPTEMBER Newsletter also includes:

- The Road Captain's Corner
- SEPTEMBER Meeting minutes
- Activities has some 2023 rides for your review
- Message from our Regional Manager, Paul Blotske.
- **NEW** - H.O.G Officer Spotlight: Membership Officer
- OCTOBER Calendar of events/rides for the Chapter and Hot Rod Harley Davidson.

Assistant Director: Scott White

Hello Everyone,

As the end of riding season approaches, I want to thank everyone that has been joining us on the rides this year, but we are not quite done yet. I am sure we will have some impromptu rides come along before it gets too cold. Start thinking about rides you would like to see next year as activities will be putting suggestion sheets out at the next meeting.

The ride to Boone's with the Fremont Chapter was a great day, we even had some Grand Rapids chapter members ride also. It was great to have representation from all 3 West Michigan Chapters.

Ride 365 mileage is way down from last year. I have 17 members that have given me at least 2 readings and 17 more that have given me only one. Two readings are required for your mileage to be tallied for your personal totals as well as the chapter total.

There are incentives:

- Our Chapter will have a drawing for (2) \$50.00 Hot Rod gift cards at the November meeting for everyone that has had at least 2 mileage readings submitted to me.
- H.O.G. will also send you (*and* your passenger if you enter mileage for them) \$50 H-D gift card(s) for reaching 2500 miles and \$100 H-D card(s) for reaching 10,000 miles. *Who doesn't like a free gift card... just for "Riding and having Fun".*

Ride safe,
Scott

Activities: Jamie Herbert/Terri White

Hello everyone, thank you to everyone that joined us on the Mystery overnight. It was a great time!

It is that time of year again for our HOG-O-ween party. The sign-up sheets are out. We ask that if you are coming you bring a dish to pass and your own beverages. Pizza will be provided. October 22nd at 6pm. This will be at Deb's house. 19 Circle Drive, Fruitport.

Thank you to everyone that purchased the Lasagna dinner. We made \$202. That brings our total so far to \$372. We will be having a Chili dinner in October. \$10 per person. Michelle Berlin and Scott White will be making the Chili. We will have Dessert as well as all the fixings for the Chili.

I will be putting the Sign-up Sheets out at the October meeting for our Thanksgiving dinner. We will also be collecting food for the Families that we will be Adopting for Christmas.

At the meeting we talked about 2 trips for the 2023 riding season. Below are some ideas or details on both trips. We will talk more about these trips at the meeting. Also please remember to bring your ideas for rides. I will have a suggestion slips for you to use at the meeting. **We welcome all ideas.**

Here are the two rides that have already been submitted for next year. A synopsis of each ride is listed below...note: figure on \$300 dollars per day for lodging, food, and gas for either ride. Details/dates will be added once a ride is selected by the membership.

We will discuss these options at the next meeting. It takes a great deal of effort to plan these types of rides, so hopefully a decision can be made at the next meeting. If you cannot make the October meeting, and you think you would participate on one of these rides, please let Jamie or Scott Herbert know.

Thank you,

Jamie and Terri

#1 - Bear Tooth Pass

It is 1500 miles to the pass. The interesting part is this pass is in the northeast corner of



Yellowstone National Park. Just to get there it would about three, five-hundred-mile days and that would be the same going home. It was suggested to include points of interest along the way to break up the ride. Which lead to the suggestion of going to Sturgis area, but not for bike week.

Take two to three days to reach the Black Hills. On the trip out stopping at the Corn Palace, the Badlands, and Wall. Spend around three days riding the Needles Highway, Custer State Park, Spearfish Canyon, and visiting Hill City, Deadwood, Lead, Keystone, Sturgis, and Rapid City. (Dealerships etc.). Then head to Devil's Tower as we travel to Yellowstone. Have one to three days in Yellowstone and going to Bear Tooth Pass. Bear Tooth Pass should take a day and then head to somewhere to the east to start our trip home. Possible stops in Cody, Wyoming for some museums. The route back will take us through the U.P. and across the bridge to return home.

This trip would be about **16 days** to Complete.

#2 - Fingers Lake New York

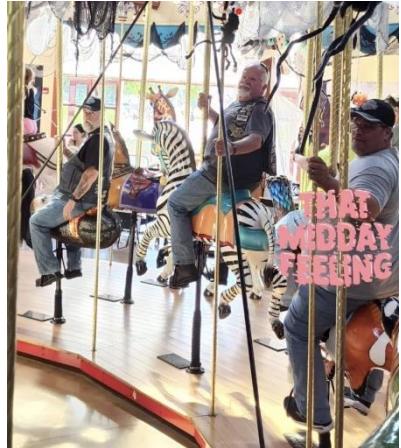
It is 650 Miles to the Central Lake Area, should be 2 days to get there. We would stop at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland that could add an extra day to get there. Total



travel days 5. The 2 biggest lakes would be 2 days of easy travel. Around 1 per day. Cayuga Lake and Seneca Lake. While here, we could see the "It's a Wonderful Life" Museum, The Real Bedford Falls and the 1st Women's Rights Convention. There are Breweries and Distilleries, we could also visit Seneca Mills and Falls, Deer Haven Park or rent a boat. We could go to Geneva and visit the HD dealer. This trip Could be 8-9 days long depending on sightseeing.



The Mystery Overnight started out with a great ride to Silver Beach Pizza (St. Joseph) for some excellent pizza then the kids were let out to play!



Our final destination was the Ship to Shore Hotel (Saugatuck)- great views, great food at the Barge then time to relax!



Alfresco breakfast at the Pumpernickels Café then a walk through the park on our way to our bikes and the ride home....
SO MUCH FUN!!!



ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER:

Ken Howe – Head Road Captain

It has been a great summer for riding. The Chapter had something going just about every weekend. Sorry if you could not join us, you missed a lot of good riding. September is the beginning of the winding down of our riding season. If we are lucky, Michigan will get decent riding weather during October and November.

As with all fall riding, watch for leaves on the roads and it is harvest time so be alert to large amounts of mud and dirt on the roads in the farming areas.

So, take care and be safe. See you all at the Hog-O-Ween party. Ken

No scheduled rides for the remaining year BUT keep an eye on our FB page and your e-mail for any impromptu ride that we put together... like a Fall color tour.



Muskegon H.O.G. Chapter #1962 - Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen Bikers, Friends, Family and Military was led by Scott White

DIRECTOR: Scott Herbert

First, I want to thank Scott White and Ken Howe for planning awesome trips like they do. They put so much work into it. Next month we will be voting on two very different ideas for our "vacation" trip for next year. The first idea is Five Finger Lake, New York. It would be an 8 to 10 day ride. the second idea is Bear Creek Pass, MT. That one would be more like a 12 to 16 day ride. We are still open to more ideas, but this is what has been suggested up so far.

ASSITANT DIRECTOR: Scott White -

Thanks to everyone that turned out for the ride to Boone's in Traverse City. There were members from Grand Rapids, our chapter and Fremont. I think it has been a very long time since all three West Michigan Chapters have been together for an event.

Ride 365. I need mileage readings from some people. We have ridden/reported a total of 77,267 miles so far this year. We had 34 people sign up for Ride 365 and 17 of them owe me second mileage readings. Call/text me (231 557-0404) to give me your mileage or verify that you have entered the Ride 365 with your starting mileage. In November the Chapter will do the last \$50 drawing. (*This is in addition to the HOG gift card issued - \$50 at 2400 and \$100 at 10000 miles*)

There is only a couple of rallies left for this year. Let me know if you need information and I can try to help.

TREASURER: Pam Flint

Absent

SECRETARY: Michelle Berlin

Carolyn Fox verified that the minutes had been recorded, approved, and posted last month for Michelle. Thank you, Carolyn, for filling in for me.

EDITOR/COMMUNICATIONS: Carolyn Fox

Nothing to add

HEAD ROAD CAPTAIN: Ken Howe

Nothing to add

MEMBERSHIP: Sheila Holland

Absent

HISTORIAN: Sheryle Weller

Absent

ACTIVITIES: Jamie Herbert and Terri White

- The last scheduled ride for the year is Saturday. It is the mystery overnight.
- Sign-up sheet for the HOG-O-ween party is on the back table.
- Think of places you might like to ride to next year. We will have suggestion sheets out next meeting.

SAFETY: Ken Sibley

Expect the unexpected. Accidents can happen in a heartbeat, so watch for other people, cars, etc. Watch your speed. This time of year, also watch out for deer, they are on the move. Carolyn Fox also added – her son was hit just 3 blocks into a ride, thrown off his bike landing on his head and shoulders. Two doctors told him that he would be dead if he had not worn his helmet. He is busted up.... but alive.

APPAREL: Jim Berlin-

We have lots of patches left. If you need anything let me know.

New business:

We will discuss the 2 vacation rides suggested for next year.

Respectfully,
Michelle Myers Berlin





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It's been a busy month for the H.O.G. team since the last newsletter. Immediately after the Sturgis rally ended, we headed back to Milwaukee for the Hometown Rally over Labor Day weekend. H.O.G. members turned out in great numbers at both rallies. Members who participated in the H.O.G. Black Hills Challenge were treated to an informal guided tour of the sprawling rally, with stops in downtown Sturgis, Deadwood, Rapid City, Hill City, Devil's Tower and more. We had a packed house at the annual Pool Party at Pappy Hoel Campground, thanks in part to the soaring temperatures, and the riders who joined us for both members-only rides enjoyed great food, great sights and great weather. It was a fun time and all our activities were appreciated by the members who attended. In Milwaukee, participants in the H.O.G. Rally Challenge during the Hometown Rally visited the Harley-Davidson Museum and dealerships all across southeast Wisconsin. This year's rally felt like a dress rehearsal for the big one next July, the Harley-Davidson 120th Anniversary. It's hard to believe that's less than a year away, but it promises to be another can't-miss event. Milwaukee really rolls out the red carpet for riders from around the world during these anniversary celebrations. You won't want to miss it.

As we head into fall riding season, the H.O.G. team is busy continuing to support our H.O.G. events, reflecting on what has worked well during the year and things we can improve, and planning for next year's rallies and tours, H.O.G. Challenges, and Regional Officer Connection training.

We're running full steam ahead thinking about the future, and I'll bet many of you are as well. We know officers like you work hard and put your heart and soul into creating great experiences for our members and that motivates us to keep our hand on the throttle to support you. Thanks for all you do to make the Harley Owners Group the best riding club in the world.



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H.O.G. Officer Spotlight: Membership Officer

Beginning with this issue of H.O.G. Officer Connection, we will take a closer look at the roles and responsibilities of the various Primary and Discretionary Officer roles that are set forth in the H.O.G. Chapter Charter, beginning with the Membership Officer.



A Discretionary Officer role, the Membership Officer is officially responsible for "assisting the chapter secretary in the chapter membership duties." These duties may include:

- Ensuring all Chapter members have current national H.O.G. memberships
- Enrolling new Chapter members
- Administering the annual Chapter member renewal process
- Assisting Secretary to ensure annual Chapter Membership Enrollment Form and Release is on file for each member
- Managing membership changes online at members.hog.com

Although not required, having a Membership Officer in your Chapter is an excellent way to ensure that your membership rolls are up to date and that all required paperwork is in order.

Calendar of Events

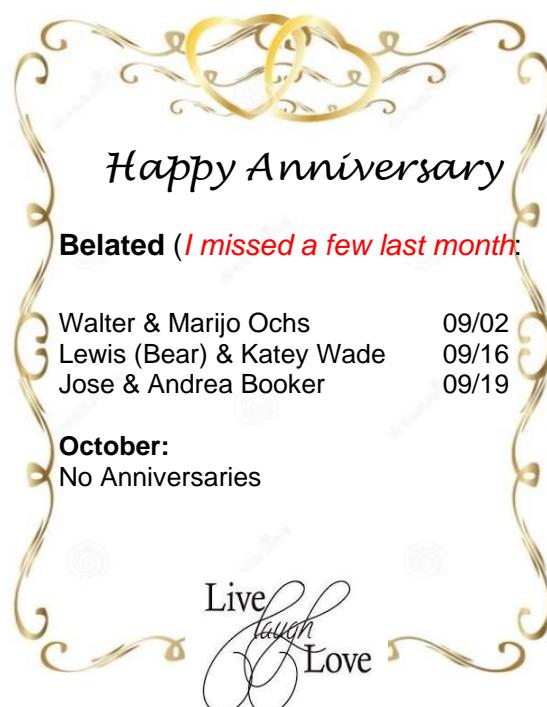


Belated (I missed a few last month):

Verlie Council	09/11
Deborah Stapel	09/13
Joann Fishel	09/14
Cindy Guerne	09/14
Greg Nowak	09/15
GREG WEISS	09/15
Sheryle Weller	09/25

October:

Alicia Brown	10/02
Randy Stapel	10/19
LESLIE TREVINO	10/19
Terri White	10/22
JAMIE HERBERT	10/26
David Wellington	10/25
Allen Fox	10/29





OCTOBER 2022 Events

Oct 7th: Bike Night at the Muskegon Lumberjacks.

- Bike parking available outside Vandyk Mortgage Center at 5:45p
- Puck drops at 7pm.

Oct 8th: Riding Academy Welcome Back Workshop 11am to 2pm

Oct 29: Trunk or Treat, Time TBD.

- First Responders will be handing out candy in the Riding Academy Lot.

