



So soon... Summer Ends

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Editor: Carolyn Fox

I would like to start this Newsletter by thanking Jamie Herbert for reaching out to me during the difficult time our family was experiencing. She published the August Newsletter and did an excellent job. She also is taking over updating our Activities/Event posts on our "Group" Facebook page. THANK YOU AGAIN JAMIE.

As the Chapter's year is coming to a close, many changes are expected for 2022. Many of the Officers have chosen NOT to run next year. Therefore, your attendance at the October meeting is very important to nominate your new "Primary" team and to sign up to volunteer for the many "Discretionary" Officer positions. If there are more than one nominee for a "Primary" position, an election will be held in November.

Director: Greg Nowak

Greetings everyone, as the year is winding down and the weather is getting cooler, we will soon be putting the bikes away for the winter.

In looking back, I feel we had a fantastic year, having new people involved in many aspects of the scheduling presenting many changes. For the major part they were all for the good and some unique trips were taken and those who attended seem to greatly enjoy. Hopefully the upcoming year will also include even more creativity resulting in again some interesting trips.

The month of October is our primary officer's nomination month, if you are interested in being nominated, please have someone nominate you. I will be doing this at the beginning of the meeting to eliminate any anxiety that may occur with the process. If multiple people are nominated for one of the four positions (director / assistant director / secretary / treasurer) there will be a membership vote at the November meeting.

Thank you, see you at the meeting

Greg

I have sign on to continue as the Editor for next year, but would love to train someone else to be the Editor. Someone new would bring fresh ideas and concepts to the Newsletter.

This month's Newsletter gives some updates from Activities and LOH regarding the final events for 2021. Be sure to check them out...you do not want to miss anything.

Also, after the September meeting minutes is this month's letter from PAUL BLOTSKE our H.O.G. Regional Manager – Midwest

Assistant Director: Scott Herbert

Thank you to everyone that came out for the Sailor Salute. It's always nice to support the local community.

The weather is changing, a few tips for riding in the fall. Fall can be a dangerous season to be riding. Sportier tires have much softer rubber than touring tires. In the cold weather we see in fall, these tires become hard and lose traction. Be sure to reduce your speed and ride with extra caution.

FALL MOTORCYCLE RIDING TIPS: HOW TO STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD

1. Brush up on your riding skills. ...
2. Use the right tires. ...
3. Check your lights. ...
4. Watch what you wear. ...
5. Don't forget your rain gear. ...
6. Look out for those leaves. ...
7. Be extra cautious.

Let's all stay safe and enjoy the rest of the riding season.

Thank you,
Scott

Activities: Jamie Herbert/Terri White

Hi everyone, The Mystery overnight was a blast. Thanks to everyone that joined us.

We are working on planning the Hog-O-Ween party. Make sure you are all working on your costumes! Please start thinking about rides you are interested in doing next year. We will be passing out a form for you to fill out at the next meeting.

Thanksgiving is just around the corner; we will have a sign-up sheet for anyone that is coming to the Thanksgiving dinner Dish to pass. Please sign up and bring your favorite dish.

See you in October, Jamie and Terri

Ladies of Harley (LOH): Deb Homoly

Please join us for Soup and Salad Lunch fundraiser after the October Meeting - \$5:00 includes (2) soup options, salad, roll and brownie.



Don't we
feel special!



Ride to Dayton --- another
great ride.... thank you,
Scott White!



So much to see at the Air Force
Museum that it is impossible to
add enough pictures to give you
the feel for it all...you'll have visit
it yourself.



Mystery Overnight
included the Tunnel of
Trees, cabins on the
lake, bonfire AND a
truck parade. The
"Team" out did itself
on this one. THANK
YOU for a great
time!!!!



Thank to our Veterans



Muskegon H.O.G. Chapter #1962 - Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2021

Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen Bikers, Friends and Military

SECRETARY: Recorded by Carolyn Fox

Minutes for August have been approved, published in the Newsletter and posted to the website.

TREASURER: Sue Foose

Sue gave the treasure report. She also gave an update on the change from using 5/3 checking to 5/3 savings account. We now get interest on the balance. Wait for it... we earned \$.01 last month!

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: Scott Herbert

- Friday September 17 is "Sailor Salute" to veterans and First Responders. Tom Linacre suggested a dinner ride after to Hanks Tavern. (Editor note: awesome event and good food afterwards. Thank you to all who attended)
- Thank you, Scott White, for a wonderful ride to Ohio's Air Force Museum. We were all amazed with the Museum. This could definitely be a "do over" ride.
- Thank you to all who joined us on the ride to the Jenison Assisted Living Home. The Staff and residents really enjoyed seeing the bikes and talking with the motorcyclists.
- Ken Howe is interested in putting together a "Tourist Ride" next year to Mackinaw Island and UP. He asked for show of hands of those members interested. It appears there is enough to add this to the 2020 ride calendar. Activities will assist with hotel accommodations.
- Pam Flint has been tasked with getting the "Mileage Tags" going again. Greg Nowak will give her what info he has. She will need your end of year mileage at the November Meeting.
- There are a "few" members that do not use Facebook. Since FB is used to give "instant" updates on rides and activities, some members do not get this info. We would like to put together a list of those members that need updates outside of FB. Please contact Jamie Herbert and/or Carolyn Fox to be added to this special email/text list.
- Jamie Gillard (Hot Rod) is doing a "Riders Edge" Reunion Ride on October 9th and has asked the Chapter for volunteer road captains for the ride. 45-60 min ride with lunch afterwards. The road captain will also explain the advantages of being HOG member. Meet at Hot Rod at 10:00am with KS up at 10:30am
- Signup sheet for "Grad Night" is on the back table, and will be out at most of the meetings, to volunteer to give the graduate a ride after the ceremony. Riders will need to bring a helmet for the passenger. Tom

Linacre reminded the group that the kids and parent have a great time at this event.

- Still need your 365 mileages. We need more than one reading to have your mileage be eligible for the contest. This is separate from the Chapter annual yearly mileage program.
- Our member interview for next month will be Tim Flint.

MEMBER: Dr. Ruth

She had planned to invite the ladies and their riders to join her and Motor Maids on a ride over the Mackinaw Bridge. (*Motor Maids is a women's motorcycle club in North America with over 1,300 members from the United States & Canada. Est. in 1940 was one of the first women's motorcycle groups and has been called the oldest existing women's club in the US*) Unfortunately, the ride had been cancelled, but she wanted to thank Scott Herbert for painstaking "writing" turn by turn directions for her planned route.

She also thanked Carolyn Fox for keeping her informed of updates/changes of rides and activities. She is one of those who no longer use Facebook and depend on text/email for updates.

ACTIVITIES: Jamie Herbert and Terri White

Mystery Overnight, meet at Hot Rod at 9:30a with KS up at 10:00a. Dress warm, the route may be chilly. All are welcome to join the ride and breakoff whenever you want to return home. (Editor's note: Tim Flint took Jamie up on this invitation. Rode with us to Empire for lunch before heading to his daughter's home for dinner)

- September 21 – Dinner Ride to Crockery Creek, KS up at 6:00p from Hot Rod
- October 23 – HOG-O-ween Party at Deb Homoly. Meet at 5:30p and eat at 6:00p. Costumes are FUN and encouraged but not required to have a good time with friends
- October 2 – Blood Drive at Hot Rod
- See Jamie after the meeting to pay and receive your AJ patches.



LOH: Deb Homoly –

Deb updated and thanked members on the LOH fundraisers for our 2 charities. LOH has almost \$400 at this point

October fundraiser: LOH will be hosting a soup and salad lunch after the meeting for \$5.00. Activities will be assisting with this effort. More details will be emailed and posted later.

A basket of “Warmth and Happiness” will be raffled off as a fundraiser.

For our family – please bring a nonperishables item to donate to the family at our Thanksgiving meeting.

Reminder to bring your favorite dish to past for annual end of season/Thanksgiving pot luck after the November Meeting.

Apparel: Jim Berlin-

See him for merchandise.

Safety: Larry Foose and Scott White –

Larry - Nothing new, a reminder that at this time of year the sun is lower in the sky and as such...if you are riding in to the sun you can't see what's ahead and if you have the sun to your back, the driver/rider behind you can not see your lights. Be aware and be safe.

Membership: Michelle Berlin –

Reminder, that your “National” HOG renewal falls on the anniversary of you signup date. It is NOT the same as your Chapter HOG Renewal which is always in January. Your National Membership must be current for you to renew.

We have a new member, Greg Weiss. Welcome to the family Greg.

Editor- Communications: Carolyn Fox

Nothing to add

Webmaster: Greg Marczak -

Absent

Director: Greg Nowak

- Greg asked members to vote for approval of \$200 to purchase a picture viewer, to be wall mounted with the Officers Display Case. Unanimous approval
- Ken Howe purchase a “travel” flag for use at rallies and other biker events without removing our flag for the room. Vote to reimburse Ken was voted and approved
- Greg will not be Director next year
- Holiday Party
 - What funds will be available after HOG-O-ween party?
 - What will the Holiday Party look like?
 - Need a committee to discuss options and update members at the next meeting
 - Michelle Berlin volunteered to Lead (**Editor note: First meeting was held Sept. 22**)
- Greg reminded members to not be a “Boo-ers” but be a “Do-ers”. The Chapter needs ideas and helpers to grow and be fun...not complainers.
- Please bring rides, destinations, rallies and other suggestions at the November meeting. These are used to put together the calendar in January. It is much better for the committees to have too many suggestions than too little.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Holiday Party

Respectfully,

Carolyn Fox for Melinda Nowak

I so agree with this....

The Enthusiast VOL 105....

“I’ve been in my helmet, I can’t tell you how many times, smiling – actually laughing out loud, enjoying what’s going on around me. You do feel it. It does not enter you; it takes over your whole spirit. You just kinda want to go ‘yes!’”

Lance Coury.2LaneLife





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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR H.O.G.® REGIONAL MANAGER

Wow, what a whirlwind it's been since my last email. The H.O.G. team had an awesome week out in the Black Hills at the Sturgis Rally, where I got to meet and greet many of you along with hundreds of other H.O.G. members. Turnout and weather were great for the member ride from Pappy Hoel Campground out to Devil's Tower and the rest of the week was equally awesome. As I mentioned last month, we are seeing a hugely positive response to the new Pan America and Sportster S motorcycles. It was exciting to talk to many new Pan America owners who made the trip out to Sturgis, as well as to witness so many other Harley riders experience the thrill of demo riding these exciting new bikes.

In the weeks since Sturgis ended the other regional managers and I have been on the road hanging with members at several H.O.G. touring and regional rallies, and I as write this, the Hometown Rally here in Milwaukee just wrapped up last weekend, capping a busy but really fun and rewarding summer for H.O.G.

Speaking of being busy, I know there are still some Chapter winners from the 2020 Ride 365 Chapter Challenges waiting for me to pony up for the pizza party we promised. I haven't forgotten about you and will be in touch soon to schedule that visit! The Chapters that placed in the top three in each market should have already received patches and plaques commemorating your achievement in the mail, but if you haven't yet, please shoot me a note.

I'll make sure to get those sorted out ASAP or I'll bring them with the pizza.

The last thing I'd like to share is a thought that came up during a recent conversation with an officer who was lamenting what she thought was a disappointing turnout for a Chapter event. I understand what it's like to pour your time and effort into planning an event and not be able to share that experience with as many folks as you'd hoped would participate. But as we talked more about the event, it was apparent that the members who did come out had a great time and really enjoyed the ride she had planned. So that's what I want to leave you with. Don't worry about the folks who don't show up. Focus on creating great vibes for those who do. That's what it's all about.

Thanks as always for everything you do for the Harley Owners Group and ride safe.








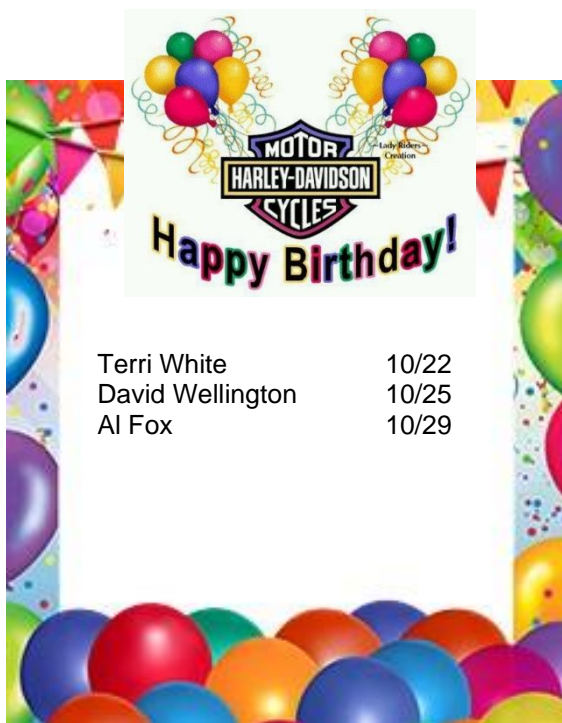
PAUL BLOTSKE

H.O.G. Regional Manager –
Midwest

Calendar of Events

October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9  Rider's Edge Reunion Ride
10  1:00p Chapter Mtg.	11	12	13	14	15	16 
17	18	19	20	21	22	23  HOG-O-Ween Party 5:30p
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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**OCTOBER
2021**

Oct 2: Blood Drive

WE WANT YOUR BLOOD 🩸

HOT ROD IS HOSTING A BLOOD DRIVE OCTOBER 2ND - FROM 10 AM-2:45 PM.

REGISTER ONLINE AT [REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG](https://redcrossblood.org), KEYWORD "HARLEY."

Oct 2: ABATE Toy Run

10am registration, kick stands up at 12pm

Oct 9: Riding Academy Alumni Ride and Lunch.

Register by October 7th

Oct 14: Fall Flannel Fest Kick off

Live music, food truck, TNT Bar will be open

Oct 30: Happy Harley-ween

Wear a costume and receive 15% off one item.

**Hot Rod has started there fall schedule and
are now closed on Sunday and Monday.**