



DHD Omaha Chapter Nebraska Newsletter

April 2019

Director's Column by Gary S.

Hello all,

It's been 3 long months of winter since our last newsletter. Although we haven't been able to get the bikes out much, we've continued to get together, have fun, and plan some spectacular rides for this riding season.

Please take some time to check out the calendar on the website. If you see a ride that sounds like fun, please sign up. This is especially important for our overnight rides. We need to make sure we have enough rooms blocked and can also release rooms that we don't need in a timely manner.

On that note, when's the last time you ventured to the Ozarks to take advantage of some great motorcycle roads and beautiful scenery? I know it's been too long for me but that's about to change because a ride to Eureka Springs, Arkansas is our first long weekend ride of the season.

When: Friday 24 May – Monday 27 May.

Lodging: Best Western Inn of the Ozarks.

Rate: \$125 per night for a room with 2 Queen Beds

Phone: 479-253-9768

When calling, please let them know the rooms are under DHD HOG. All un-booked rooms will be released 30 days prior (24 April), so if you plan to go please get your reservation in.

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Asst. Director Column

By Jim L.

I am just wanting to introduce myself as the new Assistant Director for 2019. Hope everybody is finding 2019 off to a good start.

To give a brief idea of my riding experience. I grew up on a farm in South Dakota and started riding motorcycles at age 8. My first Harley was a 1980 Wide Glide I bought in 1994 which my wife said, "what did you get yourself into"? It was not a pretty sight, but by the time I was finished you could not recognize it was not the same bike I brought home. If you ask, I will show you finished bike. I have owned two more bikes with the last one being a 2014 Street Glide Special. It is the Morocco Gold paint that was only available for 2 years.

That experience is what got my blood rolling for Harley Davidson and the friendships you make with other Harley Riders. I have almost 6 years of experience as an Assistant Director with another group. What brought me to this group was the opportunity to bring my experience and with the help of the rest of the officers is to make this chapter the best it can be. I will stop rabbling on. But I would like to see this chapter keep growing, as there is a large demographic span of Harley riders near Defiance Harley Davidson.

So, I am looking forward to meeting all of you thru out the year. I am always available for suggestions on what you would like to see and what you think will help this chapter. We are a small group right now, which is a plus that we will get to know each other.

Okay I am done. Hope to see you at the next chapter meeting.

Hospitality

By Debbie S.

We always like to hear good news about our Chapter Members. If you know of anyone celebrating a milestone Birthday, Anniversary or anything else you want to share let me know. I will send it out in our Quarterly newsletters. You can either have me send it out before it happens, so we can all enjoy the celebration. Or we can talk about it afterwards, whichever you prefer. And of course, we want to hear if anyone is sick, has had an accident or anything that is wrong so if there is anything, we can do to help we will. Even if it's only sending prayers. Many of us feel like we are family and we do care about everyone.

This quarter we sent a "Thank you" card out to Mike M. He graciously donated an American Flag for us to use during our Chapter Meetings. Thanks again Mike!

Head Road Captain Column

by Dave R.

I'm looking for some volunteers to help on our chapter rides. The road captains will work as a team to make sure our group has a smooth and safe trip. As we grow as a chapter, we're going to need more help.

If you are looking for way to get involved, this is a great chance to get your feet wet. If you want to help out, just let me or any of the officers know.

Membership Update

By Debbie S.

Here we are, another new riding season starting. Know anyone who wants to have folks to ride with? Tell them about our Chapter. We are always looking for new faces and new friends. We already have some rides planned out on the calendar so look and get signed up. You don't have to go to all but if you do great, if not, hopefully there are enough choices that you will join us.

For this quarter we had 3 new members join. One was at our Holiday Party, another has already been to some events and the 3rd is a former member who has moved back to the area. Please welcome:

Mason C
Gail W
Roger M

Please make sure you say "Hi" to these folks when you see them. We hope to see all more often as the riding season gets under way.

Website Update

By Timm B.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "CHAPTER MILEAGE CHALLENGE". On the left is a vertical progress bar with a red circular marker at the bottom. To the right of the bar, the following statistics are displayed:

Chapter Goal for 2019 mileage:	100,000
Year to Date Total Mileage:	358
Mileage Reported for Last 7 Days:	0

Below the statistics, there is a section titled "Update Your Mileage:" containing a text input field for "HOG Number" and an "UPDATE" button. At the bottom of the interface are two buttons: "RANKINGS" and "HOME".

An "old" feature from the OCBHOG website is now a "new" feature for the DHDHOG website.

The mileage tracking database is now available for members to track their mileage for each of their bikes (Harley's only!) for the current riding season. By recording your mileage throughout the riding season you can contribute to the Chapter's annual mileage goal. The mileage tracker will allow you to see the mileage rankings of each Chapter member so you can see where you stand in comparison.

To use this feature you must provide a Chapter officer with your odometer reading for each of your bikes at the start of the riding season. Once a Chapter officer has recorded this in the database you can access the feature by clicking on the Chapter Mileage Challenge link under the MEMBERS ONLY menu on the website. Enter your HOG number and then simply enter your latest odometer reading and then click on the SAVE button.

The website is ready, now let's hope for warmer weather to start putting some miles in the database!

Photo Challenge Update

By Ray G.

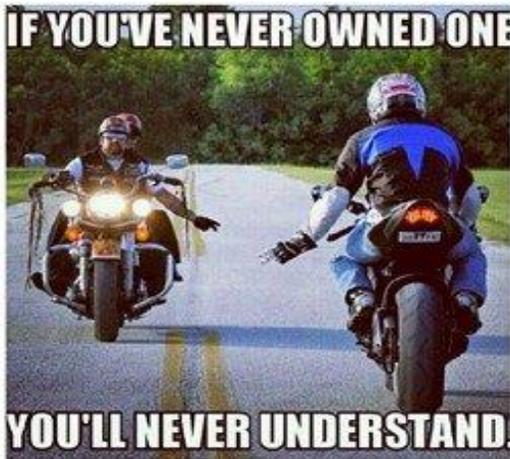
Greetings and welcome to another exciting year of riding. Last year's photo challenge was great and this year's may prove even more challenging given the recent flooding.

We are going after pics of Masonic lodges. Either past or current. By past, I mean that a lot of the building still retain the recognizable square and compass symbol and that's what we are after! All we need from you is a picture of your motorcycle with the square and compass in said photo. This will be worth 1 point.

Please make sure that the majority of your bike is visible in the picture. The prizes will be gift certificates to Defiance Harley in the values of 1st place - \$50, 2nd place - \$25 and 3rd place -\$15. The deadline is the December chapter meeting.

Please submit all photos to photographer@dhdhog.com

Members Corner



Submitted by Mike W. (source: pinterest)



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Tom B. is our Soup & Stew Winner!!!



Have you started collecting pictures for the photo challenge yet?



Submitted by Corrina G.

Chapter activities are conducted primarily for the benefit of H.O.G. chapter members. There are three categories of activities. All activities are identified as follows: **Closed events** are for chapter members and one guest per member. **Member events** are reserved for H.O.G. members only. **Open events** are chapter events open to chapter members, national H.O.G. members and other guests. ***Watch for the weekly email for current events***
ALL DHD Omaha Chapter activities are "Closed Events", unless stated otherwise.

April 2019 DHD HOG Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Officers' Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Chapter Meeting
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Ride to Pepe's House	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May 2019 DHD HOG Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Officers' Meeting	8	9	10	11 Chapter Meeting
12	13	14 Headed to the Country Dinner Ride	15	16	17	18
19 Ray's Treasure Hunt Ride	20	21	22	23	24 Spring into the Springs Ride	25 Spring into Springs Ride
26 Spring into Springs Ride	27 Spring into Springs Ride	28	29	30	31	

June 2019 DHD HOG Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Impromptu Ride	3	4 Officers' Meeting	5	6	7	8 Chapter Meeting
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Don't forget your Dinner Ride	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 When HOGS Fly Ride						

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Friday.....9am - 6pm
Saturday.....9am - 5pm

Sunday...Closed for Riding!!

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June.26th



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