



**Director's Column by Dave R.**

Hey everyone – I hope you're all doing well!

The first part of our year has really been a different. I want to tell you all "thanks" for hanging in there with us. It looks like things are starting to get back to normal.

I remember our first officer meeting after ROC training. We talked about being open to new ideas and trying new things. It was time for us to think outside of the box. So far, we've done a computer meeting, escaped for rides and even had a meeting outside. Definitely different, so I think we're on the right track.

Also, our chapter broke some boundaries and stepped out of our comfort zones. We had 2 rides, organized by Timm, that brought us out to meet 4 other HOG chapters. It was a cool idea and I'm glad that the other chapters were just as excited to meet us too. There's talk about getting together again later this year.

That's what HOG is all about – riding and having fun! So, get on your bike and join us for a ride.



Our ride with Frontier and Platte River HOG chapters



Our ride with Sioux Falls and Watertown HOG chapters

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## **Activities**

*By Debbie S.*

Riding season is definitely here, and the activities are starting to build up. We are still being cautious and checking places before we add them as an activity. Hopefully, things will increasingly get better instead of getting worse. Of course, we will follow things closely. We have rescheduled our Weston MO trip and made it an overnighiter, instead of a long weekend. Also, we have all the motel information on the website for our Labor Trip for "Riding the River Road".

### **Wingin' it Weston Style**

**July 11th @ 11:00 am – July @12th 5:00 pm**

Join us for our 1st overnight trip of the season. After the Chapter Gathering on Saturday, we're headed to Weston, Missouri for some history, wineries, distilleries and cheese tasting. We will leave from the dealership Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> & 11 a.m. and come back Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>. Just one night for this trip. We have reserved rooms at the St. George Hotel-500 Main St, Weston, MO 64098, phone # 816-640-9902. Single queen rooms (up to 2 people) are \$129. There were 6 rooms held under Tom Bartusiak's name. There may be other rooms if these are gone. There are also other places to stay if you need a room.

### **Riding the River Road**

**September 5 @ 8:00 am - September 7 @ 5:00 pm**

Labor Day Weekend Trip September 5th, 6th & 7th. Meet at the dealership 8am with ksu at 8:15. Join us for a ride out to McGregor, IA along the Great River Road, just east of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on the Mississippi. We will spend 2 nights at Frontier Motel and ride around the area the 2nd day. Bring a bathing suit, Motel has a pool to relax in after a days' worth of riding. Motel information is as follows: Frontier Motel, 101 S 1st Street, Marquette IA, phone # 563-873-3497-Eight rooms have been reserved: 4 with 2 Queen Beds & 4 with 1 Queen Bed. Reservations are under Gary S/DHD Hog Chapter. Rates are \$110 for Saturday and \$75 for Sunday.

With our "Sioux Sweet Ride" and "Arch U Up to It" rides being so successful, watch for more of these joint adventure rides taking place in the future. Everyone loved getting together and are interested in getting together again.

Also, if other Chapter Members have ideas please let us know. We're always looking to freshen things up.

## Head Road Captain Notes

*By Gary S.*

Hello. Hope everyone has survived the pandemic by getting some wind therapy. As of the 28th of June, the chapter has recorded about 34,000 miles and I know we racked up about 350 more on our ride to the Archway in Kearney. If you aren't set up to participate in our chapter mileage challenge yet just contact one of the officers and let them know your starting mileage. From there you can log onto the website and update it as often as you like. Each 500 miles will earn you one chance toward a \$100 gift card donated by Defiance H-D.

While you're at it, consider visiting Dan at the parts department and get your mileage registered for HOG's ride 365 program. Did you know if you have an H-D visa each mile ridden is worth a point towards your reward money! Hope to see you on the road soon.

## Membership Update

*By Deb P.*

We'd like to welcome:

Alan N., Neal A., Jay T., Dan H. and Daniel M

to our DHD HOG family

We currently have 61 members 😊

## Hospitality Update

*By Debbie J.*

I would like to start recognizing birthdays, anniversaries, and other special celebration days at our monthly gatherings. But I need your help.

If you would like a celebration to be recognized, please e-mail me with your name and special day at [hospitality@dhdhog.com](mailto:hospitality@dhdhog.com). I look forward to celebrating these days at our gatherings.

Also, please feel free to contact me at any time if there is a need for any assistance that the group may be able to help you with.

## Safety Update

*By Timm B.*

Now that we have a couple of group rides under our belt this is a good time to remind the Chapter of some important safety and etiquette rules to help ensure all our rides are safe and enjoyable. The following list outlines some of the more important things to do when you plan to join a ride.

### **Getting the Most from Group Riding**

Before the ride, all riders should:

- Sign up for the ride on the website or notify one of the other ride participants if you plan to join.
- Check your bike for safety using the “TCLOCS” checklist:
  - o [https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/t-clocs\\_inspection\\_checklist.pdf](https://www.msf-usa.org/downloads/t-clocs_inspection_checklist.pdf)
- Fill your tank.
- Drain your “radiator”.
- Review the group riding safety tips that may be found at the following website:
  - o <https://www.motorcyclelegalfoundation.com/motorcycle-group-riding-tips/>
- Show up by the "Start" time.
  - o Some people wonder what is the difference between the “Start” time and the “Kick Stands Up” (KSU) time?

The “Start” time that is posted is when all riders who plan to participate should arrive.

The “KSU” time is the time that the group will wait for participants who may be stuck in traffic or are otherwise running a little bit late. By registering for the ride, or at least letting the group know that you plan to ride, the group will wait up until the KSU time for all of the participants who are planning to ride to arrive.

Before starting the ride, the leader should share:

- The route
- Any rest or fuel stops
- Any rendezvous instructions in case the group gets split due to traffic.

All riders should share:

- Any questions they have regarding the route.
- Information on their fuel stop requirements.
- It is up to you to ask any questions you may have regarding the ride. Don't be shy!

While Riding:

- The ride leader should keep an eye on the group and ensure that if there is any separation in the group due to traffic, appropriate steps are taken to restore the formation.
- All riders should ensure that you are using a staggered formation while riding, along with the proper following distance. Trike riders should pay special attention to the recommendations regarding trikes riding in a group.
- All riders should watch for, and use, proper hand signals.
- It is easier for riders to identify and react to hand signals compared to turn signals or brake lights. This is especially important in a group ride.

After the Ride:

- Share any questions or suggestions with the group that will improve the safety and / or the riding experience.
- Share any photos that you may have taken while on the ride by emailing them to [photographer@dhdhog.com](mailto:photographer@dhdhog.com).
- Remember, the only time to “crack one open” is when the ride is over. Consuming alcohol and continuing the ride is against H.O.G. rules.

## Photographer Update

*By Mike W.*

The 2020 Photo Challenge will have more prizes with the purpose of riding more...and learning a bit of history along the way!

Items to Photograph: Historical Markers (Federal, State, Local)

How to Submit: Email to [Photographer@DHDHOG.com](mailto:Photographer@DHDHOG.com) or print & bring to a Chapter Gathering

What to Submit:

1. Photo of the Historical Marker AND your Bike
2. Your Name
3. Name of Nearest Town or Intersection [to measure distance\*]
4. Year of the Event on the Marker [to measure age\*\*]

Rules: One Entry per Marker/Bike photo [Yes, you can have one entry for each bike!]  
Contest end date is 12/1/2020. Winners announced at December Chapter Gathering.

By submitting, you give DHDHOG permission to include your photo in our Holiday Party slideshow and newsletter.

Prizes: \$50 Defiance H-D Gift Certificate – random drawing with each entry  
\$25 Defiance H-D Gift Certificate – furthest distance\* from the dealership  
\$25 Defiance H-D Gift Certificate – oldest event date\*\* noted on the marker

What is a Historical Marker?

A plaque or sign designating a historical event or place.

Where can I find Historical Markers?

[HMDB.org](http://HMDB.org) (historic marker database) has specific locations for 598 markers in Nebraska and 508 in Iowa

Nebraska State Department of Education has a listing of markers by County:

<https://www.education.ne.gov/socialstudies/history/links-for-nebraska-history/markers-by-county/>

## Members Corner

Let's keep those wheels of interest turning. I can't wait to tell you about the amazing adventure that one of our members had last summer. Here's a little hint....



I'd like to introduce you to Bob S. He became a member of our family in 2016. Not only is he a motorcyclist enthusiast, but his lovely bride is as well. Bob and Terri have celebrated 15 wonderful years together. Bob shared a message on Facebook that read - a couple that rides together will stay together – I'm a believer!



Their love for Harley-Davidson shows 😊

Bob's riding experience started in 1976. He already knew how to drive a stick and decided to teach himself how to ride. So, he bought a Honda 360 and took off down the road. Eventually, Bob upgraded to a Yamaha 650 Heritage special. He loved that bike – it was beautiful and all blacked out. In 1993, he stopped riding to care for his late wife.

I couldn't wait to ask Bob, "why did you buy a Harley-Davidson?" He said, "I didn't need one, but I wanted one. My nickels and dimes added up and I bought one in 2002. Besides, everyone that has a Harley-Davidson will tell you that this machine is the best." His very first Harley was a 1200 Black Custom Sportster. Since then, he's owned a 1200 Glacial White Sportster and a 2010 Vivid Black Dyna. He just purchased a 2003 Anniversary Edition Silver/Black 1200 Sportster. I haven't seen it yet, but I hear it's very pretty and has lots of chrome. Even on vacation, he finds a way to ride. He's rode around Hawaii and Anchorage, both times on a Fat Boy.

Bob's summer adventure started while he was sitting around visiting with family. Or as Bob calls it, a "bar napkin" decision. His stepson, Dennie, mentioned that he'd like to check out Route 66. Bob shared that Route 66 was one of his bucket list rides and he had never been Southwest. And just like that, their joint venture was born! It was decided to take on the "Mother Road".

I asked Bob to share his worst and best experiences from the ride. The ride thru Texas into New Mexico was a scorcher! It was 107 degrees. But three days later, it was 41 degrees and raining. This crazy weather was at 11,000 feet on the top of an Aspen mountain. His best memory was taking in the beauty of the Grand Canyon. He was disappointed though because he accidentally left his phone in the bike. The phone got so warm that it wouldn't take a picture.

He did share some important trip tips with me. He really did not pack a lot but was grateful that he remembered his rain gear. He definitely spent a lot of time in it. Also, if possible, try to stay at the Best Western hotels – they are clean and breakfast is not too bad either.

Their trip started on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Bob, along with Dennie and 2 other friends headed down to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Most of Route 66 has been re-paved or covered by an interstate, but they experienced 585 miles of it. The road took them through Tulsa OK, Shamrock TX, Albuquerque NM and Flagstaff, AZ. Thanks to great planning, they visited Zion National Park, The Grand Canyon, Grand Junction CO, Colorado Springs CO and then North Platte NE. Their adventure lasted until July 28<sup>th</sup>. They spent 8 days riding 3100 miles and visited 2 national parks. It was the closest thing he's done to an iron butt and the memories were totally worth every mile.



This picture was taken in Winslow, AZ – pictured left to right: Bob, Mike, statue of Joe Walsh, Dave and Dennie. Flatbed Ford in the window reflection

Bob and his family try to plan a yearly motorcycle trip. Their last one last included a ride around Nebraska. His bucket list of rides is still growing. He would love an opportunity to ride the Florida Keys Highway and the Dragon Tail.

Thanks for sharing Bob! We wish you many smooth miles and memories.

## GIGGLE AS YOU GO....

A few words of wisdom and my safety tip for you. If anything, my experience may give you something to smile about. Or if nothing less, a reason to shake your head.

So here goes! On our last ride, I was sitting back enjoying my navigator duties. It was a beautiful day, a little windy, but none the less beautiful. Anyways, my new thing is chewing gum while I ride.

**Safety tip:** Do not blow bubbles, while going 75 mph on a windy day.

Why, you ask? Well, let me tell you what happened. The wind caught my gum carrying it off to who knows where! Thank goodness there was no one behind us. You can imagine my panic, as I'm frantically looking for it. I looked everywhere...my hair, down my shirt, in my vest, on the saddle bag and even the back fender. Dave was wondering what the hell I was doing back there. So, I yelled in his ear, remember, it was windy. Plus, I wanted to be sure he knew that my gum did not land on the bike. My gum is probably on the tire of a car traveling around Iowa. Or laying in the interstate lane, melting under the heat of the sun. I'll never know....

Well, that's my safety tip! So be cautious when chewing gum on a windy day!! Hope I put a smile on your face and made you giggle. 😊

Got a funny embarrassing moment to share? Let me know, we all need a good laugh now and then.

## Interesting things from the road...

Ever been riding and saw something unusual, bizarre, or down-right weird? We want to know about it! Send your picture to [photographer@dhdhog.com](mailto:photographer@dhdhog.com), so we can share it with others.

The pictures below are from Mike's adventures.... file this one under down-right weird!



Are those dinosaurs?



Sporty goes window shopping

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.

**July 2020 DHD HOG Events Calendar**

| Sunday                              | Monday | Tuesday                 | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday  |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|---|
|                                     |        |                         | 1         | 2        | 3      | 4   |
| 5                                   | 6      | 7<br>Officers' Meeting  | 8         | 9        | 10     | 11<br>Monthly Chapter<br>Gathering<br>Wingin'; it to Weston |
| 12                                  | 13     | 14                      | 15        | 16       | 17     | 18  |
| 19<br>Visit Nebraska in<br>Nebraska | 20     | 21                      | 22        | 23       | 24     | 25  |
| 26                                  | 27     | 28<br>Officers' Meeting | 29        | 30       | 31     |   |

**August 2020 DHD HOG Events Calendar**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday  |
|--------|--------|------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|---|
|        |        |                        |           |          |        | 1<br>Monthly Chapter<br>Gathering<br>Luck of the Draw |
| 2      | 3      | 4<br>Where's the Beef? | 5         | 6        | 7      | 8   |
| 9      | 10     | 11                     | 12        | 13       | 14     | 15  |
| 16     | 17     | 18                     | 19        | 20       | 21     | 22<br>Jessie's Last Ride                              |
| 23     | 24     | 25                     | 26        | 27       | 28     | 19  |
| 30     | 31     |                        |           |          |        |   |

**September 2020 DHD HOG Events Calendar**

| Sunday                     | Monday                     | Tuesday                | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday   |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------|--------|--|
|                            |                            | 1<br>Officers' Meeting | 2         | 3        | 4      | 5<br>Riding the River Road                             |
| 6<br>Riding the River Road | 7<br>Riding the River Road | 8                      | 9         | 10       | 11     | 12<br>Monthly Chapter<br>Gathering<br>Luck of the Draw |
| 13<br>Chapter Picnic       | 14                         | 15                     | 16        | 17       | 18     | 19   |
| 20                         | 21                         | 22                     | 23        | 24       | 25     | 26   |
| 27                         | 28                         | 29                     | 30        |          |        |  |

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