

From Your Director

Hello Everyone,

Those of you who were at our March chapter meeting know that we finished the meeting by talking about some changes that are coming to the Chapter in regards to the Dealership's new owners. For those who were not at the meeting, I would like to repeat what we talked about here. I know how rumors can fly around, so I want to do my best to make sure you guys all know what's really happening. With that said, before I go into any details, please keep in mind that a lot of decisions have not been made yet, and that more changes could follow. Please also keep in mind, though, that these changes could have just as easily come along under Blue Springs Harley-Davidson as they are under Outlaw. The sponsoring dealer is truly in charge of their chapter in every way, per National H.O.G.

Ok, so that probably makes this sound scary, and it should not be in any way. In fact, from everything I know we have some very positive changes coming, and our "new" sponsoring dealer is very committed to our chapter. This October will mark the 30th anniversary of our chapter, and one thing that has remained the same over the entire course of our history is that every member of the Worth family who has ever been involved with sponsoring our group has been dedicated to our success, and that is not changing now. You'll notice I put the word new in quotation marks at the start of this paragraph because Rick and Treva are really returning sponsors, and not brand new to our group.

Alright, so what is changing? Sorry, not yet. Before I get to that let's reiterate what Tammy said at the chapter meeting, and talk about the things that are not changing. We are remaining an independent chapter, and are not combining with any other chapters in the area. We are also keeping our name, even though the name of the dealership changed. All patch programs are going to remain in place, and follow the same guidelines they always have. All events that are on the "Calendar of Events" for this year are remaining in place, meaning all of the rides and activities we planned are still going to happen. Also, impromptu rides will still be a big part of our riding season, so keep looking out for those. We are also retaining our motto that "once a Road Captain, always a Road Captain."

So here you go, I'm finally getting to it. The things changing are really only some of administrative "stuff." The first, and probably biggest, is that after starting the Northland Chapter one of the things our "new" owners realized was that they wanted to take a tighter control on the treasury. That is NOT because anyone in their chapter up north, or in our chapter here, did a bad job as Treasurer or anything like that. It has everything to do with the fact that the majority of the money in the account is put there by them and by that fact technically (hopefully it will never happen) they could be audited on that account. So with that the Chapter checkbook has been returned to the dealership and it will be kept at the store. That does not mean there are any big secrets there, and any

member is welcome to come by the store and see it anytime they want. With that comes a big piece of good news that I did forget to mention at the meeting. As I tried to relay above the new Dealership is very committed to our Chapter, and they are going back to the "old ways" of buying Chapter memberships for anyone who buys a Harley-Davidson motorcycle from them. Notice I did not say anyone who buys a brand new Harley Davidson from them. We are going to start getting new memberships for anyone who buys a new or used bike, which should put a lot more money into our Treasury which will add to the programs, and good times in the future.

I would like to pause here for one second, because I want to make sure I recognize Roy Casper for his service to our Chapter as Treasurer up until now. Last fall when it was time to nominate potential officers for this year Roy did not hesitate to let me know that he wanted to continue in that position, and I am positive that he was committed to fulfilling those duties for the rest of the year. Next time you see him, please thank him for his service to our Chapter.

Ok, on with the list. In place of our old "Open Road" cards through Blue Springs Harley Davidson, we will be getting Loyalty cards with Outlaw (last I heard they were not printed yet, but are coming). As a chapter member, you will now automatically get 10% off any regularly priced items you purchase at Outlaw Harley Davidson in Motorclothes or Parts (this means the discount does not apply to motorcycles or service work),

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and that will increase that to 15% on meeting nights to encourage attendance. It should be noted that once the new program is in place you will not be able to get 10% at the time of purchase, and then get to bring back your receipts to use them for H.O.G. bucks. It is my understanding that "double dipping" like that will not be allowed.

The next thing that is changing (more administrative stuff) is that the annual waivers we sign at renewal time will now be stored at the dealership, instead of with our Membership Officer. With that comes one of the things which probably (if I had to guess) is getting the most hot air in the gossip circles. Moving forward, we will start signing waivers on every ride. We are the last Chapter in the area not doing this, so it was probably just a matter of time before it caught up to us anyway. The thing I would like everyone to remember though is that if you are a member, you only have to print and sign your name. You do not have to fill out the whole thing, unless you are a guest (in which case nothing changes, you fill out the same full waiver you always did). I am realistic enough to know that probably still makes a few people bristle up, but keep in mind we were already filling out a sign in sheet on every ride. In all reality this new method will take you an extra half second, and then you turn around and go right back to talking to your friends, and getting ready for the ride.

I want to close by trying to express the same thing I closed out the meeting with, after we talked about these things. That sentiment is basically that the above changes don't really matter. Most of it only affects a handful of officers, and overall we are going to be receiving an increased level of support from our sponsoring dealership. The big thing that matters the most is something that is not changing. That, quite simply, is that we are still a riding chapter. Our motto is still to ride and have fun. We have been

through a lot of changes in the past, and none of them have ever taken away any of the fun, and these changes will not either. That is because our Chapter truly lives and thrives out on the open road. That is where the fun happens, and that is where the friendships and the memories are made. I have never made a friend through a shared passion for signing sign in sheets over waivers (even sounds ridiculous when I put it in that perspective doesn't it?). I have, however, made almost all of the best and closest friendships of my life by going on rides with this Chapter.

If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 913-634-3515 or chadman1994@aol.com.

Let's Ride!

Chad Schmidt, Director

Dealership News

Here are some upcoming events at Outlaw Harley-Davidson.

Saturday, April 1 – Harley's and Hash Browns 9-11 am

Tuesday, April 18 – GKC Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 19 – Men's Night 6pm-9pm

Remember the new store hours are Monday-Thursday, 9-8, Friday 9-6, Saturday, 9-5, closed Sunday. Service hours are Monday-Friday, 9-6, Saturday, 9-5.

Special Olympics

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Join us again this year to put some smiles on the faces of some very special people. The Greater Kansas City HOG chapter will once again host the 100 meter walk/run for Special Olympics. The event will be held Saturday April 29th at Lee's Summit North High School located at Douglas and Tudor Rd.

There will be a ride leaving from the Dealership. Arrive at 7:45, because we will leave at 8:00 sharp. If you prefer, you can go directly to the school and meet us there at 8:20. This is an event for all ages and you do not need to be a HOG member. If you have family or friends that would like to help they are more than welcome.

Our event is normally finished shortly after lunch time but people can come and go as they need to. If you cannot help for the entire day, that is fine. We still would appreciate your help.

If you have any questions or need more info, please contact me at 816-942-8893 or kcultrahog@gmail.com

Tom Countryman

Pizza and Ice Cream Ride

Friday, June 23 – Monday, June 26

If you like pizza and ice cream and you would like to be part of a group to eat the largest pizza in America then this is the ride for you.

I will be leading a ride to Big Lou's Pizza in June. The pizza is called Big Lou's 42. Yes it is a 42 inch pizza. Big Lou's is in San Antonio, TX and it will be a 4 day ride but just think of the bragging rights that you will have after helping us eat that monster. We will even have some help. Members of the San Antonio HOG chapter will be joining us to help us tackle the beast.

The dates are June 23, 24, 25 and 26. We will leave KC on Friday and spend the night in Denton, TX. Saturday we will ride to the hotel in San Antonio, check in and head over to Big Lou's. It goes without saying that there will be an ice cream stop on the way back to the hotel. We will leave Sunday morning and ride to McAlester, OK and ride back home on Monday.

The hotels that I am looking at all have a 100% cancellation policy so if the weather looks too severe as that weekend approaches we will reschedule for July 28, 29, 30 and 31.

If you would like to be on the email list for hotel info and route schedule please contact me with your email address. 816-942-8893 kculturahog@gmail.com

Tom Countryman

From Your Chapter Manager

Hello Everybody. Here is just a bit of information that most of you already know. We have a change of ownership. Ray and Bev Worth have passed the torch on to Rick and Treva Worth, and happily the store is staying in the family. David Worth is staying with the store for now but wants the freedom to move on when he is ready. Danny has moved on to the North location. Ultimately the store will go to Nick Worth and his beautiful fiancé', Valarie. Ray and Beverly Worth will spend the rest of their days traveling and doing what they like best, riding Harley - Davidson's. So let's wish them well in their adventures.

With the change we are saying goodbye to Blue Springs Harley-Davidson and saying hello to **Outlaw Harley-Davidson**. With great expectations for the future, I know you will join me in welcoming Nick and his staff to our hometown dealership. Let's give them the hometown welcome. Stop in and introduce yourself to them whenever you get a chance.

I am excited for the riding season and let me tell you that everyday expect something bigger and better to happen. Some things will remain the same, for example, our Chapter will still keep the name of The Greater Kansas City HOG Chapter. There will be a few changes, but there are many things that will remain the same. So all you need to focus on is riding your Harley-Davidson Motorcycles and having fun! We will experience some growing pains along the way but rest assured we will try to make them as easy as possible. Please make sure we have your information so you won't miss any information.

The store hours have also changed. They are Monday-Thursday 9-8, Friday 9-6, Saturday is 9-5. We are still closed on Sunday.

Thank you for your continued support and get out there and ride and have fun!

Tammy Edgmon, Greater Kansas City HOG Chapter Manager

Outlaw Harley-Davidson

April Birthdays

Brian Schowengerdt	4/1
Craig Both	4/13
Woody Simpson	4/19
Michael Hart	4/28
Marlon Brando	4/3
John Madden	4/10
Vince Gill	4/12
Jennifer Garner	4/17
Jack Nicholson	4/22

If you want your birthday listed in the newsletter, send your name and birthdate (month/day only please) to webmaster@gkchog.com.

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Upcoming Calendar Dates

April

- 4/1** Harleys and Hash Browns
- 4/5** Dinner Ride – Pie Five
- 4/6-4/8** *Deep South HOG Rally, Alexandria, LA*
- 4/18** Chapter Meeting
- 4/19** Dinner Ride – Hooter's
- 4/29** Special Olympics
- 4/29** Ghost Hunt Ride—Fort Osage (Hyer)
- 4/30** Blessing of the Bikes

May

- 5/4** Dinner Ride – Minsky's
- 5/6** Harleys and Hash Browns
- 5/6** Cinco de May Ride
- 5/13** Mother's Day Ride
- 5/13** *Alternate Ghost Hunt Ride—Fort Osage (Hyer)*
- 5/18-5/20** Southwest HOG Rally, Temple, TX
- 5/16** Chapter Meeting
- 5/18** Dinner Ride – T-Bones
- 5/27-5/29** Soaring Down Under (Holland)

Dinner Drives / Rides

Dinner RIDES start in April. They meet at Outlaw Harley Davidson for 6:30 PM departure.

April (Wednesday)

- 5 Pie Five , 18921 E Valley View Pkwy Unit D, Independence, MO 64055 – 816-886-0229
- 19 Hooter's, 13002 US 40 Highway, Independence, MO – 816-358-5520

May (Thursday)

- 7 Minsky's Pizza, 1251 NE Rice Road, Lee's Summit, MO – 816-524-3112
- 21 T-Bones Deli & Meat Market, 27900 E. Colburn Road, Lake Lotawana, MO – 816-578-4561