

From Your Director

Greetings Everyone,

Are you guys sick of winter yet, or is it just me?

We have made it to February, which doesn't exactly bring thousands of miles of riding to my mind. However, March is just around the corner, and that always feels like the first month where I expect to get some good days. It's at least a good teaser month.

That being said, it's not a fool proof system. I'll share a somewhat nerdy thing that I do, that some of you might get a kick out of as well. I keep a Harley calendar in my garage, and every time I go for a ride (doesn't matter how long or short) I circle that day on the calendar when I get home. It could be an 800 mile hard butt day, or just a trip down the street to top off with gas. Then in January each year, I go back through the old calendar and see how many days I ended up riding for the year. 2016 was the fourth year in a row that I have done this, and as it turns out each year I ended up riding more days than the year before. It has kind of become a fun little competition I have with myself, and a good incentive to get out and ride.

I brought that up because when I looked back on last year I realized (even though I had completely forgotten) that I was able to ride every single weekend in February. So maybe we'll get lucky again, and get a few miles in before spring officially gets here.

Once the weather does warm up be sure you are checking your email blasts, Facebook page, and the H.O.G. hotline, because I am positive there will be some Impromptu rides popping up.

Stay warm,

Chad Schmidt, Director

A Little Bit of Safety

Here are some safety tips that Kevin Thiemer, Safety Officer, shared at our meeting.

- Don't watch turn signals; watch the eyes of the driver, the front tires of the car, or the hands on the steering wheel. These are better indicators of what the vehicle will do.
- Look around all the time; be aware of what's around you.
- Don't get between a vehicle and an off ramp. The driver may make a last minute decision to exit.
- When riding in traffic, keep your hand and foot on the brake in case you have to stop quickly.
- During the day ride with high beams on; the more lights the more visible you are.
- Stay in a lower gear when riding in traffic.
- If traffic slows quickly, move to right or left of the lane; it gives you somewhere to go.

Dealership News

Here are some upcoming events at Blue Springs Harley-Davidson.

Saturday, February 3 – Harley's and Hash Browns 9-11 am

Tuesday, February 21 – GKC Membership Meeting

New Member

Welcome New Member: Ray Spitzer, 2016 Road Glide Special



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From Your Chapter Manager

Hello everyone!

I have some good news, with the hard work of Joe Giangrosso we have a Ride and Shoot scheduled; however, this one will be a drive and shoot since it is going to be in March. The location is Crossfire Recreational Center at 21200 East Truman Road, Independence, MO 64056 (just west of the Independence Power Plant). The date is on a Sunday March 5, at 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. With the assistance of Joe Giangrosso, he was able to get a set up time where we are the only ones on the range again. The range fee is \$5.00 per person. They also have guns available to rent and the fee for the gun rental is also \$5.00 per gun. There is an additional cost for targets, eye and ear protection and ammunition. You may bring your own guns and ammunition. They have 10 pistol shooting points at 25 yards. We will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting along with the Participant Agreement and Release and Assumption of Risk form that MUST be filled out and signed before you shoot. On the backside of the Release form is the Range Safety Rules. I will also have the form at the dealership so you may swing by anytime and pick yours up and have it completed to help expedite the checking in process. There are no guns allowed that shoot over 2000 feet per second to include all assault type rifles that fire the 762/39 & 223 type ammunition. So mark your calendars for Sunday March 5th at 8:00 AM at Crossfire Recreational Center, LLC. We will meet at the location.

Thank You

Tammy Edgmon, Blue Springs Harley-Davidson, Greater Kansas City HOG Chapter Manager

ABCs of Touring

Those who have participated in the ABCs of Touring program before know all about the rules of ABCs, but HOG is changing things up. First, instead of printing and mailing all those photos, this year the photos will be uploaded to the HOG website instead.

Another change to the program is the number of points available for each photo. In the past, all the photos were worth one point. The only exception was the Harley Museum, which was worth two points. This year some of the point values have changed. Now in addition to the Harley Museum, HOG Rallies and all the Harley plants (Juneau, Pilgrim Road, Tomahawk, York, and Kansas City) will be worth two points also.

The required number of points and prizes has changed also. Instead of getting something that we may or may not want, HOG is giving us the opportunity to purchase HOG merchandise that we like.

The point values for each category are:

5 to 50 points = ABCs pin and patch

51 to 99 points = ABCs pin, patch and \$25 Norscot gift card for exclusive HOG merchandise.

100+ points = ABCs pin, patch and \$50 Norscot gift card for exclusive HOG merchandise.

The ABCs of Touring site on the members.hog.com site has the photo uploading information, but the rules and prizes are not yet posted as of this writing. I was able to get a copy of the rules and prizes and they are posted on gkchog.com under Membership Programs.

ABCs of Missouri

Jeff Holland, Road Captain, is bringing back the ABCs of Missouri, which is a GKC program modeled after the national program. Points gathered with this program will qualify for the national program. An ABCs of Missouri patch will be available for new participants. There will be some rides to gather ABCs but photos can be taken anytime you're out riding. Smaller groups work best for gathering ABC photos.

Hopefully members will be interested in participating in the local program and the national program. It's fun to try and find unique names and learn where the hard-to-find letters are. So hopefully we'll see you at an official ABC sign.

February Birthdays

Karen Jenkins	2/13
Cameron Talley	2/14
Pat Neary	2/19
Steve Swinney	2/19
Roy Casper	2/25
Suzie Honeycutt	2/26
Norman Rockwell	2/3
Henry "Hank" Aaron	2/5
Jack Benny	2/14
Larry the Cable Guy	2/17
Lee Marvin	2/19
Erma Bombeck	2/21
George Thorogood	2/24
Johnny Cash	2/26

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

February

- 2/4 Harleys and Hash Browns
- 2/6 Dinner Drive – Martin City Brewery
- 2/20 Dinner Drive – Fun House, Indep.
- 2/21 Chapter Membership Meeting

March

- 3/4 Harleys and Hash Browns
- 3/7 Dinner Drive – Merle’s American Tavern
- 3/21 Chapter Membership Meeting

Dinner Drives

Dinner Drives meet at the restaurant at 7:00 PM.

February (Monday)

- 6 Martin City Brewery, 500 E 135th Street, Kansas City, MO – 816-268-2222
- 20 Fun House Pizza, 13002 US 40 Highway, Independence, MO – 816-358-5520

March (Tuesday)

- 7 Merle’s American Tavern, 21900 Branic Drive, Peculiar, MO – 816-398-8464
- 21 Potluck at the Chapter Meeting



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