

## From Your Director

Greetings and Happy New Year!

In last month's Newsletter I talked about the Leon Rook Adopt-A-Family program that the chapter started for our Christmas charity, and this time around I wanted to give a little update. Through the generosity and big hearts of this group we raised almost \$2,300, and were able to adopt two families who were very much in need.

When we started this program I was really hoping to raise \$800 or \$900, but you guys really smashed that goal, and I just cannot say thank you enough for helping with that.

At the December chapter meeting we were able to cap off our program in a big way. We had both families present, along with their pastor who had nominated them, and a special visit from Santa himself (Tony Oryall played Santa, and did an awesome job!). One thing that was on my mind before the meeting was that we needed to keep this a fun event, and not put the families on the spot or make them feel like we were putting their misery on display (for lack of a better term). Thanks to the good spirits of our members, and mostly to Tony doing such a great job as Santa, there was nothing to worry about. We got to share a few laughs, meet our families, and watch the excitement of the kids as they opened a few gifts. Watching 5 year old Riley jump up and down with excitement over some new Legos was enough to put the

Christmas spirit in anyone, and that moment alone was worth the donation I made. I hope everyone there enjoyed the event as much as I did.

I believe the best summary I heard was that we did not just improve their Christmas, but we were able to really give Christmas to two families who were not going to have one at all without us. So again, I have to keep saying thank you to everyone involved. Thank you to Jim Orr for spearheading this, to our committee members, Amy Both, Diana Bray, Ted Resch, and Tammy Edgmon, to Tony Oryall for playing Santa, and most of all to everyone who donated. I really believe we did a good thing, and will look forward to the second annual Adopt-A-Family program in 2017.

Speaking of 2017, spring is right around the corner, and that means the dawn of a new riding season. After the planning meeting at Tim's Pizza a couple of weeks ago I am confident that there are going to be some great riding opportunities with the chapter this year, so please be ready to come out and burn up a few Dunlops with us!

Happy New Year,

Chad Schmidt, Director

## Dealership News

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

**Saturday, January 7** – Harley's and Hash Browns 9-11 am

**Tuesday, January 17** – GKC Membership Meeting

## New Member

Welcome New Member: Jim Lyman, 2016 Road Glide



### Chapter Officers 2017

**Director**  
Chad Schmidt  
**Assistant Director**  
Bob Butler  
**Secretary**  
Sandy Giangrosso  
**Treasurer**  
Roy Casper

**Activities Officer**  
Paige Combs  
**Membership Secretary**  
Debbie Thiemer  
**Ladies of Harley**  
Lynne Mahoney

**Safety Officer**  
Kevin Thiemer  
**Historian**  
Janet Simpson  
**Photographers**  
Dana Halbirt  
Gorman Penn  
Denice Robison

**Web Master/ Editor**  
Janet Simpson  
Joe Giangrosso  
**Head Road Captain**  
Ted Resch

**Road Captains**  
Danny Bland  
Jeff Blystone  
Randy Bray  
Diana Butler  
Doug Ege  
Larry Harrison  
Jeff Holland  
Bob Hyer

**Road Captains (cont'd)**  
Tim Oerman  
Tony Oryall  
Joe Palmer  
Gorman Penn  
Woody Simpson

## From Your Chapter Manager

---

Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to a new year and new adventures with our Greater Kansas City HOG Chapter. I wanted to say thank you for the Christmas gift this year; the Chili turned out awesome! I never would have thought to put cloves in Chili seasoning but boy it adds flavor to it. Thank you again. This past year has been so much fun for Jerry and me. We were able to attend some of the overnight rides as well as the day rides and I must say we will be attending those rides again. Thank you all for participating in the Flat Tammy Challenge this year and I am looking forward to planning some more great adventures with Flat Tammy during riding season in 2017. I also want to thank all who participated in the Leon Rook Adopt a Family, by donating, shopping and helping in November and December 2016. It was great to be part of such caring and giving from a great group of passionate people. It sure felt good watching the family's faces when we invited them to our December meeting to distribute all the gifts. Thank You Tony for being Santa; it really made it special. It was also really special to have the Pastor and his wife (Dennis and Kimberly Moore) from LifePoint Crossing Church attend to see members of their church receive such heartfelt gifts from our Chapter.

We as a Chapter have several first-time officers this year and I wanted to review some of the duties for each one. Here is just a review of the Officer Positions for the upcoming year.

**Secretary** - The secretary takes and prepares minutes from the Chapter and Officer meetings; prepares the annual Chapter Charter, which is like the "Chapter Renewal" with National HOG, prepares and distributes the yearly Activity Calendar, prepares and transmits the injury reports as necessary to National HOG according to the handbook guidelines. The handbook

guidelines are available online as well as available at the dealership with your Chapter Manager.

**Activities Officer** - The Activities Officer coordinates events, activities and volunteers for Dealer and Chapter Events, making sure events and activities are within the rules set forth in the Chapter Handbook. The Chapter Handbook is available online as well as available at the dealership with your Chapter Manager. The Activities Officer is also responsible for planning and executing the Annual Christmas Party for the Chapter.

**Ladies of Harley** - The LOH Officer plans rides, events and activities geared but not only for the Ladies of Harley; plans the Annual Chapter Picnic; and assist with the planning of other Chapter events. Also helps with the distribution of the door prizes at the monthly Chapter Meetings. Please note that LOH activities do not exclude men from joining the events for some of the Ladies of Harley do not always drive their own motorcycles.

**Photographer** - The photographers take the New Member's Photo at the Monthly Chapter meeting; reviews, prints if needed, and posts pictures on the Facebook site and the dealership. A flash drive is made available to all photographers from the Chapter Manager. While the photographers don't have to take all the pictures, they do make sure they are available to all members through Shutterfly.

**Road Captain** - The Road Captain organizes plans, develops, leads and assists with rides for the Chapter. They plan routes and rides for the dealer events. A Road Captain needs to have good riding skills and should have experience with group riding; providing safe routes and rides for the chapter.

**Head Road Captain** - The Head Road Captain is voted in by the Officer's usually during the first Officer's

Meeting. The Head Road Captain coordinates and assigns Road Captains to lead the Chapter rides, including but not limited to the Dinner Rides and Dealer Events. The Head Road Captain also ensures that the Road Captains are equipped with all the materials for their rides and usually has a Road Captain Meeting to go over how to prepare the documents and properly handle any situation that may occur during a ride.

Thank you all again and Saddle Up! Let's Ride!

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

## ABCs of Touring

---

It's not as if any of us really need another excuse to ride. But there's something thrilling about exploring back roads and happening upon little towns that make the ride so memorable.

Participating in the National ABCs of Touring is an excuse to do this. Just take photos of yourself and your Harley® holding a current edition of HOG® Magazine in front of "official" signs that capture your travels from A to Z—26 cities, counties, states, provinces or countries make you eligible for great prizes and bragging rights.

The 2017 ABC information isn't out on the Harley-Davidson website yet, but we hear that some changes are in the works for this year's program (mainly no more printing all those pictures). Watch for more details soon.

This information will also be available on our own website at [www.gkchog.com](http://www.gkchog.com).

In addition, the ABCs of Missouri is returning this year. Watch for more details on this GKC program also.

## January Birthdays

---

Diane Bray	1/5
Jeff Blystone	1/6
Amy Both	1/7
Tammy Edgmon	1/16
Steve Cox	1/17
Denice Robison	1/19
Mary Neary	1/20
Bob Kurth	1/24
Hank Alexander	1/25
Katie Couric	1/7
Pitbull	1/14
Betty White	1/17
Guy Fieri	1/22
Alicia Keys	1/25
Joe Jackson	1/26
Phil Collins	1/30

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

## 2016 Ride Summary

---

In the year 2016 the Greater Kansas City HOG Chapter enjoyed a great riding season. GKC Officers and Road Captains lead 67 organized rides. There was at least one GKC ride in every month in our calendar year which ran from November 1, 2015 until November 1, 2016. We led dinner rides, lunch rides, day rides, weekend rides, and cross country rides.

GKC had 30 rides that were 100 miles or less. On these rides we enjoyed lots of different restaurants, remembered and honored our veterans, saw the Plaza Lights, brought in the New Year, got our motorcycles blessed for the riding season, counted some money at the Federal Reserve, got to "ride & shoot", GKC got ran out of some caves, bought some apples, supported a few charities, went to brunch and mini golf, and even smashed a few bugs one August night.

Twenty-two rides were greater than 100 but less than 200 miles. On these we enjoyed lots of different restaurants in Missouri and Kansas, we road while thinking about Moms, we tried to look at some stars on a cloudy night; we milked some cows, had some "adventures with Yancy", and attended the Missouri State Rally.

Ten rides were greater than 200 but less than 500 miles. On these rides we enjoyed lots of different restaurants (are you starting to see a theme here), celebrated Father's Day, checked into and out of the Missouri State Prison, watched the Royals beat the Cards in St. Louis, checked out some Freedom Rocks in Iowa, saw the Bike Fest at Lake of the Ozarks, and experience a country chuck wagon saloon girl festival.

Two rides were greater than 500 but less than 1000 miles. On these rides we enjoyed-you already know the rest, rode our HOGS on a pig trail in Arkansas and did some "Soaring Down Under" zip line screaming.

Three rides were more than 1000 miles. Again with the restaurant thing, we "Pow Wowed" in Albuquerque, visited the aliens in Roswell, walked in Billy the Kids footsteps, enjoyed some very curvy roads on the way to some cliff dwellings, saw the sunset over white sands, went way, way, way underground at Carlsbad, rode Lake Superior's North Shore, and saw the beginnings of the Mississippi River.

The shortest ride was only 2 miles to "Shoot & Ride" at Target Time Defense.

The longest ride called "New Mexico Road Trip" lasted 9 days and covered 3,014 miles.

The ride with the most GKC members happened on January 1st, 2016. We had 45 motorcycles on the annual Polar Bear Ride.

If you could have ridden on every GKC ride this past year you would have put

15,666 miles on your motorcycle. Our club had 684 bikes participate in GKC rides for 2016.

When you do the math for each ride and then add them together we find out that GKC HOG riders logged a total of **121,993** miles on club rides last year!

Come out and join us this year. Let's see if we can top last year's great season.

Screw it, Let Ride!

GKC Road Captain Jeff Blystone

## 2016 Mileage Program Summary

---

Hope everyone had a great holiday season. Now that the holidays are over I hope you're planning for your next riding season. I thought this would be a good time to give you a review of the Chapters Hard Butt Mileage program of 2016. Our Chapter had 71 members that turned in their cards this year. We had 29 members that rode 10,000 + miles and 24 members that rode 5,000 miles but less than 10,000 miles. We had 12 woman riders participating this year and 3 of them had over 10,000.

Our top three men's mileage this year was Kevin Fee with 40,353 first place, Joe Palmer with 26,826 second place and Harley Todd with 24,124 third place.

Our top three women's mileage this year was Cherie Biediger with 29,209 first place, Diana Butler with 14,337 second place and Tonja Gram with 12,359 third place.

All of the 71 members that turned in their cards rode a total of 660,087 miles last year. Ride Safe and Have Fun.

Bob Butler, Assistant Director

To contact the Greater  
Kansas City H.O.G.  
Chapter:

Chad Schmidt  
Director  
913-634-3515

Bob Butler  
Chapter Director  
816-726-5882

Paige Combs  
Activities Officer  
816-365-8209

For all other officers  
and inquiries  
Contact Chad Schmidt  
listed above

Your Dealership Personnel  
for H.O.G. information is:

Tammy Edgmon  
Blue Springs Store  
816-224-5005

\*\*\*\*\*

For pre-recorded  
information concerning  
upcoming events  
816-503-7267

On the Web:  
[www.gkchog.com](http://www.gkchog.com)

## Upcoming Calendar Dates

### January

- 1/1** Polar Bear Ride
- 1/5** Dinner Drive – Coaches
- 1/7** Harleys and Hash Browns
- 1/17** Chapter Membership Meeting
- 1/19** Dinner Drive – Nick & Jake's

### 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

## Dinner Drives

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

### January (Thursday)

- 5** Coaches, 414 W 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO – 816-941-2286
- 19** Nick & Jake's, 6830 W 135<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS – 913-681-8535

### February (Monday)

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



Blue Springs Harley-Davidson  
3100 N.W. Jefferson  
Blue Springs, MO 64015  
[www.bluespringsharleydavidson.com](http://www.bluespringsharleydavidson.com)