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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dawn "Firecracker" Makowski

April showers bring plenty of spring flowers, but it also gives life to the riding season. I am so excited to get on two wheels! It hadn't seemed like a reality until this past week. We are on the other side of winter. However, remember Wisconsin weather can throw us a curve ball at any time. A gentle reminder, if your bike is at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson in storage please allow 1-2 weeks for the awakening process ☺. Don't delay in calling to claim your ride. If it's been hibernating in your garage, time to fluff the dust off, perform T CLOCS and think about a spring maintenance or safety inspection before riding. We have rescheduled the safety inspection to April 23rd. Please watch for details.

Now that the ride calendar is out, what ride are you most excited about? I have tentatively two on my calendar, the Apostle Islands in July and Wisconsin River Run in August. I've ridden many times along Hwy 2, Lake Superior, Ashland and the surrounding areas. Delta Diner is one of my favorite stops. If you've never been there it's a must for any bucket list.

If you are participating in the H.O.G. 365 mileage program, please be sure to get your odometer read at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson or at your first chapter ride. We will be collecting mileage reads and recording them throughout the season. You can register for the program at members.hog.com. Collect your mileage patches and participate in the Chapter Challenge. Also, now is a great time verify your bike information, address/contact information and confirm you are registered under Rock River H.O. G. Chapter, #3276.

Our next chapter meeting is Tuesday, April 19th and we are meeting in the pavilion. Please note this is a separate building from the Ingleside. The pavilion is to the west of the hotel and in the parking lot to the north. Social hour is at 6pm, with meeting to follow at 7pm.

- Dawn



FLAT ROCKER KICK OFF

APRIL 19, 2022

The Flat Rocker will officially be introduced at the April 19, 2022 chapter meeting. The theme, destinations and prizes will all be announced. Be sure to pick up your sign and corresponding information at the end of the meeting or at the dealership.

ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

Spring arrived on Sunday, March 20.

Observe nature around you!

Are the worms emerging from the earth? Watch the arc of the sun across the sky as it shifts toward the north. Birds are migrating northward, along with the path of the sun.

Are you noticing that the days are getting longer? Are the daffodils poking up their heads? Can you feel the sun getting stronger? The longer days bring higher temperatures. Both us and the animals around us strip off our clothes and heavy coats! Are you getting itchy to get outdoors?

With the passing of each day excitement mounts when we can get our bikes out of storage and finally get on them and ride. I can't wait! Looking at our calendar we have so many wonderful rides and events planned for this year.

Hope to see you at the next chapter meeting!

Jim "Muddy" Waters



BIKE BLESSING

Have you marked your calendar for Sunday May 1, 2022, for our Bike Blessing and ride at Wisconsin Harley? If not, be sure to do so. **Signup will be at the April chapter meeting only, with NO signups the day of the ride.**

Plan on coming to get yourself, any passenger, and your bike blessed for a safe riding season.

WHERE: Wisconsin Harley Davidson

WHEN: May 1, 2022 (Rain Date May 15, 2022)

TIME: Starting at 9:30 AM, CMA will be blessing you and your bike as you arrive. Please plan on being there no later than 10:00 AM to allow enough time for all to get blessed.

KSU: 10:30AM for a Road Captain led ride to the Anchor restaurant in Edgerton WI for an off the menu brunch at your own cost. **Limit of 50 bikes for the brunch ride.**

ROAD CAPTAIN LED RIDE TO THE HARLEY OIL CAN

WHEN: Sunday, May 22, 2022

TIME: 9:00AM meet at Wisconsin HD

KSU at 9:30AM

Ride to Dundee for lunch then it's off to the silo. Ride returns back to Wisconsin HD.

LED BY: Tim Droester

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

Carl Samppala

New Members announced at March 2022 Chapter Meeting:

Roy Innis

John Benish

Tammy Mayhew

January Anniversaries: 2 Years

Anita Linder

Sam Linder

Mark Politowski

February Anniversaries: 2 Years

Dan Meise

March Anniversaries: 2 Years

Denise Wasilewski

Jim Wasilewski

20 Years

David Urbaniak

Wendy Urbaniak

Roy Wolff

Sharon Wolff



New members Tammy Mayhew and John Benish
WELCOME!

APRIL SAFETY

J.T. Greenwald

I would like to focus this month on motorcycle clothing and gear that can make a life saving difference in the event of a crash. It is not always the cheapest clothing, but in the event of a crash, you may find it to be the best investment you can make.

Safe to say we all know that the use of a DOT approved helmet can provide a great deal of safety to a motorcycle rider in a crash. The NHTSA of course strongly recommends them, but ultimately in the state of Wisconsin they are a licensed rider's choice to wear.

One simple thing that clothing can do to incorporate safety is make you more visible to other motorists. Clothing with reflective materials can make a big difference in visibility without changing your open air experience. High visibility clothing helps motorists see you and reduce the risk of collisions.

You should ALWAYS be dressed in pants on a motorcycle. I know they can be warm on a July afternoon, but they provide the best protection. High tensile leather provides the best protection. Other options are abrasion-resistant mesh, or at the very least, textile jeans. Good pants not only help prevent road rash in a crash, but help protect you from burns from your pipes and engine.

Your hands and feet are also very important to protect while riding. A good pair of leather boots can keep you upright more efficiently and also protect you from burns. Open toe shoes are an open invitation for problems on a motorcycle. I NEVER let a passenger wear them on my bike, just a rule I have always had. Gloves are also important for grip of the controls and protection in a crash, not to mention keeping your hands warm in the early and late riding season.

It is also VERY wise to have water resistant rain gear packed on your bags, in the event of mother nature opening up her skies and splashing on your parade. Good rain gear can make all the difference, especially when travelling long distances from home. Be sure to make that investment before you go.

I hope that you consider a few of these suggestions as you prep for the coming riding season. A few extra moments in planning, can make all the difference on your ride!

ROCK WISCONSIN

Time to sign-up!! Using last year's survey responses to guide this year's planning you will see that we have incorporated your suggestions; rides extend to Monday instead of beginning on a Thursday or Friday, leaders may be a little slower in taking off, and we will keep the riding group smaller.

Ride	Info at Chapter Mtg.	Sign-up / Deposit	
Lake Michigan Semi-Circle Tour – June 10-12	3/15, 4/19	4/19	5/17
Spring Green – July 17,18	4/19, 5/17	5/17	6/21
Apostle Islands – July 29-31, Aug. 1	5/17, 6/21	6/21	7/26
Wisconsin River Run–August 11-14	5/17, 6/21	6/21	7/26
Driftless Area – September 9-11	6/21, 7/26	7/26	8/16

H.O.G.

Chapter Mileage contest – Make sure as you take your bike out of storage, or as you attend a chapter ride to get your 2022 beginning mileage recorded. You **need** at least **two** readings during this riding season, but you can get your mileage entered more often if you so desire.

Don't forget to check out Ride 365 on the [website](#). Scroll down to the bottom of the page to check out your lifetime miles, and how our chapter is doing this year.

- Read the description and submit to the Dealership Check-In Challenge
- Review the 10 rides for 22
- Consider exploring one (or more!) of the 50 Rides, One Nation
- Upload an image of YOUR RIDE 😊

ROCK WISCONSIN

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SPRING GREEN TOUR

JULY 17-18, 2022

We've planned a two-day immersion tour on Sunday and Monday July 17th & 18th to discover Spring Green, WI. We did this so you can get your fish fry and honey do list done before taking off on Sunday. The ride will start from the Kwik Trip #446 on the northwest corner of Hwy 67 & Oconomowoc Pkwy in Oconomowoc with (KU) 8:00 am.

First leg of the ride includes a stop for gas at Old Hyde Mill before lunch. After lunch, we have arranged a special 2 hr. tour of both Frank Lloyd Wright's studio/theater and Taliesin residence.

After landing for the day, we have arranged for an early buffet dinner at 4:30 pm at the motel with reserved seating for the evening performance at the American Players Outdoor Theater, performing the play, Sense and Sensibility. If you have never been to the theater, it's worth at least one visit.

Like everything else, space is limited so please don't procrastinate. We are asking for a \$35 deposit that will cover both the Sunday dinner and Monday breakfast. We have reserved the entire motel that is limited to 40 rooms.

At sign up, we will ask people about the tours to Taliesin, American Players, and House on the Rock. These tickets are an additional cost but we also need to know how many people are interested for the group discount.

- Information presented at the 4/19 and 5/17 chapter meetings.
- Sign up at the 5/17 chapter meeting.
- Deposit due no later than the 6/21 chapter meeting.

If you have additional questions, please send me a note at csalamun@yahoo.com.

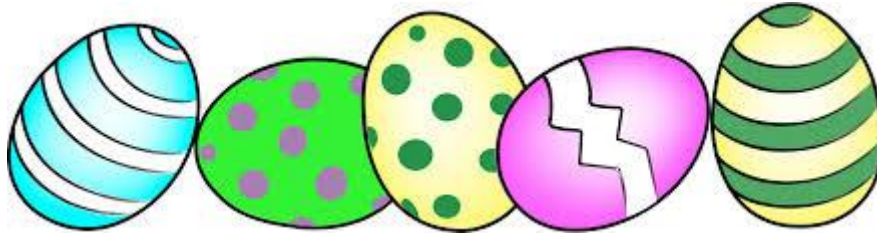
50/50 RAFFLE VOLUNTEER REQUEST

Thank you, Janet Sam and Dennis Lynner, for selling raffle tickets at the March meeting.

Great Job!

Our 50/50 ticket sellers for the April chapter meeting are Janet Sam (thanks Janet 😊) and Amanda Couden (well probably John).

We could use one more volunteer for the June meeting and 4 for the July meeting. If this sounds like something you would like to try, please see me, Theresa Leto at the next chapter meeting.



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(TBD) Date to be determined**

2022 Rock River HOG Chapter Calendar of Events

Updated: 04/15/2022

January			February			March		
7th	Fri	HOG Admirals Night	4-13		Datona Bike Week	8th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting
11th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	8th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	8th	Tue	Officers Meeting
11th	Tue	Officers Meeting	8th	Tue	Officers Meeting	8th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting
11th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	8th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	12th	Sat	Accident Scene Management
15th	Sat	Chili Cookoff	12th	Sat	Valentines Sip & Shop 11-3	15th	Tue	Chapter Meeting
18th	Tue	Chapter Meeting-Ingleside	15th	Tue	Chapter Meeting-Ingleside	19th	Sat	Pot o Gold Saturday
22nd	Sat	Krome Works Workshop	19th	Sat	Infotainment/Nav Workshop	19th	Sat	Navigation 101
22nd	Sat	Holiday Party - Golden Mast						
April			May			June		
Helmet Month - 20% off with trade in			Motorcycle Awareness Month			1st	Wed	Bike Night
2nd	Sat	Bikes & Brews Open House 5-9	1st	Sun	RC: Bike Blessing	4th	Sat	WI Hero Outdoors
4th	Mon	Seasonal Hours Begin - Summer!!	7th	Sat	International Female Riders Day	8th	Wed	D: Ride to Pavilion
5th	Tue	Navigation 102 - Explore Tyre	10th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	11th	Sat	Lettsew K9 Open Ride (11-4) Combat Vets Open Ride (8-10)
9th	Sat	Safety Check	10th	Tue	Officers Meeting	10-12	Fri-Sun	Rock WI: LMScT II
12th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	10th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	14th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting
12th	Tue	Officers Meeting	11th	Wed	Bike Night	14th	Tue	Officers Meeting
12th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	14th	Sat	D: Cookout VFW BBQ Event	14th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting
15th	Fri	RC: Pizza Ride	17th	Tue	Chapter Meeting - Ingleside	17th	Fri	Friday Night Live (6-9)
16th	Sat	Find the Egg	21-22	Sat-Sun	Brick Laying - Motorcycle Memorial	18th	Sat	D: Sign Effects Ride
19th	Tue	Chapter Meeting-Ingleside	22nd	Sun	RC: Oil Can	18th	Sat	D: WI Hero Outdoors Ride
23rd	Sat	Roadtrip Workshop	25th	Wed	D: Ride to State Fair Pavilion	17-19	Fri-Sun	Father's Day Special
			28th	Sat	D: Honor Ride to War Memorial	21st	Tue	Chapter Meeting - Dealership??
						23rd	Thur	D: Ride to Museum
RRC Supported Events			RRC Events			Dealership Events & Supported Rides		
D: Dealership sponsored ride			RC: Road Captain sponsored ride			RW: Rock Wisconsin sponsored ride		

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July			August			September		
4th	Mon	RC: 4th of July Parade	1st	Mon	RW: Apostle Islands	2-5th	Thu-Mon	Harley Hometown Rally
7th	Thur	D: Ride to Museum	3rd	Wed	Bike Night	9-11	Fri-Sun	RW: Driftless Area
9th	Sat	Fire & Iron Ride	5-14th	Fri-Sun	STURGIS	11th	Sun	Medal of Honor Ride
12th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	6th	Sat	D: Waukesha K-9 Ride	13th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting
12th	Tue	Officers Meeting	7th	Sun	RC: Silver River Float trip	13th	Tue	Officers Meeting
12th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	9th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	13th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting
12th	Tue	Officer Meeting	9th	Tue	Officers Meeting	14th	Wed	RC: WFW - Cottage Grove
13th	Wed	RC: WFW - Lodi	9th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	17th	Sat	Cookout
13th	Wed	Bike Night (6-9)	11-14th	Fri-Mon	Rock WI: Wisconsin River Run	20th	Tue	Chapter Meeting - Ingleside
16th	Sat	RC: Young at Heart Ride	19th	Tue	Chapter Meeting	21st	Wed	Bike Night
17-18	Sun-Mon	RW: Spring Green Ride						
19th	Tue	Chapter Meeting - Dealership??						
20th	Wed	D: Ride to State Fair Pavilion						
20th	Wed	RC: Mid-America Rally (Dubuque)						
22nd	Fri	RC: Mid-America Rally (Dubuque)						
29th	Fri	Friday Night Live (6-9)						
29-1	Fri-Mon	RW: Apostle Islands						
October			November			December		
1st	Sat	Octoberfest	8th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	3rd	Sat	Photos w/Santa
4th	Tue	WIHD Winter Hours Begin -:(8th	Tue	Officers Meeting	3rd	Sat	Christmas Parade (5pm)
5th	Wed	Bike Night	8th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	10th	Sat	Customer Appreciation
11th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	15th	Tue	Chapter meeting - Ingleside	13th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting
11th	Tue	Officers Meeting				13th	Tue	Officers Meeting
11th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting				13th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting
15th	Sat	Hempfest @ Steeltank				21st	Tue	Chapter Meeting - Dealership
18th	Tue	Chapter Meeting - Ingleside						
29th	Sat	Costume Day @ Dealership						
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