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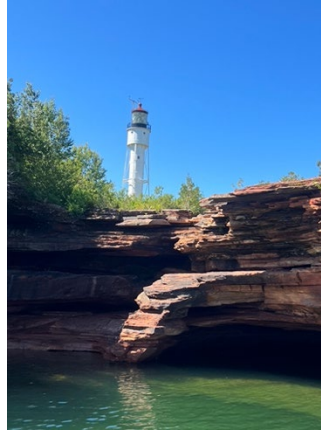
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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dawn "Firecracker" Makowski



Hello Rockers!

I've probably said this before, but will do so again, Rock Wisconsin ROCKS! I am hoping that everyone will have participated in at least one of these well planned, amazingly FUN, group rides. I had great plans when the season started. I was going to do more riding than last year.

But here August is and I feel like the summer just slipped by. I am so very jealous of everyone going on the river run this coming weekend (August 11-14th). Work duty calls, so I am not able to go...☹️

It's not all work and no play. I did do the Apostle Island ride and it didn't disappoint. Wisconsin, Michigan, and its borders never cease to amaze me. We have so much to offer right here in the Midwest. Everything went perfect - from the ride up to Iron Wood, the Apostle Island ferry, the HODAG sighting, the ride home and even the weather was perfect! We also managed to sneak in surprise birthday shenanigans. Speaking of the weather...I can't recall the last time I was on a road trip and it didn't rain. We were truly blessed. I couldn't ask for better company. It's always a good time hanging out with my Rock family!

A few reminders:

Bike night, August 17th 6pm – 9pm at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson – Hope to see you there!

Rally – We appreciate everyone who has already signed up. We're still looking for help and no way could Leslie and her team pull this off without all of you. If you haven't already, please consider giving us two hours of your time during rally weekend. Thank you 😊!

[Rally Volunteer Sign UP](#)

Our next chapter meeting is back at the Ingleside, Tuesday, August 15th. Social hour at 6pm with meeting at 7pm.

Ride often and ride safe!

Dawn

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

Carl Samppala

New Members announced at the June 2022 Chapter Meeting:

Elizabeth Barrera

February Anniversaries:

2 Years

Mark Richler

March Anniversaries:

2 Years

Howie Shaw

June Anniversaries:

2 Years

Christine Coleman

Jim Micale

Bob Slowinski



Welcome Elizabeth Barrera

ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

Can you say HOT and MUGGY? July has been a great month for riding. Road Captain led rides led many to the Museum and to the Pavilion at the State Fair Park. The Road Captains did a great job and had a great route to both.

I went with a group to Ithaca, New York; we rode the many roads around the Finger Lakes. On the way there we stopped at Niagara Falls and rode the boat to Horseshoe Falls. It was a sight to be seen and fun for all.

Ended the month by going on the Rock Wisconsin Apostle Islands Ride. The ride was very well planned. The ride took us to Ironwood MI, Bayfield WI, Delta Diner, Rhinelander and Shawano. We were on some awesome roads hitting multiple Flat Rocker stops on the way.

If you have never been on a Rock Wisconsin Ride you are missing out on some great rides. I commend the Rock Wisconsin Committee for all the fantastic planning and execution of these awesome rides. We are so lucky to have this group!

Oh My! August is off and running. Can you say Wisconsin River Run ride? (Note to self: start packing)

See you on the road or at the Chapter Meeting.

Jim "Muddy" Waters

CHAPTER MEETING RAFFLE TICKETS

August raffle ticket sellers are Kim Jalalian and Cathy Helgeson. Thank you, ladies.

We are all set for September, but we could use a few volunteers to help sell raffle tickets for October – December. See Theresa Leto at the 50/50 table to sign up.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"

~AESOP~



We're heading to Bradford Beach to watch the sunrise! Late summer brings gorgeous hues of bright colors as the sun rises over Lake Michigan. This is an easy ride, no traffic, and we have the beach pretty much to ourselves. Bring coffee, a blanket, bag chair or just yourself. After watching the sunrise we'll head for breakfast at Irish Pubs McBobs. No sign up required...just show up.

******Due to our last chapter meeting being only a social event this chapter meeting will be the **only** opportunity to sign up for this ride – thus posting this full flyer in the newsletter.

Rock Wisconsin Presents a ride through Wisconsin's beautiful. . .

Driftless Area

September 9-11, 2022

Get ready for a weekend ride filled with stunning views of the Wisconsin Driftless Area. We'll jaunt through steep hills, forested ridges, and deeply carved river valleys all along the western portion of the state. Using Eau Claire as our day-two launch point, the ride will venture through some of the most captivating and beautiful views of this ride-worthy land known as the Driftless Area. Named as such from the seemingly untouched landscape by the harsh glaciers or drifts that surrounded the territory from the last ice age. Bring your adventurous spirit and be ready to take in the scenic views that decorate the routes we have planned on this 3-day, 2-night motorcycle excursion.



Ride highlights:

- Day 1
 - Meet @ Wisconsin Harley Friday, September 9, KSU TBD
 - Destination: Eau Claire 229 miles
 - Lunch stop in Tomah
- Day 2 destination: Round trip back to Eau Claire - 240 miles
 - Beautiful day ride through Driftless area
 - Lunch stop in _____
- Day 3 destination: Home - 265 miles
 - Head for home
 - Brief ceremony in remembrance of September 11
 - Lunch stop in Baraboo - ride officially ends

There will be planned stops at multiple flat rocker locations for those participating in the contest. Additional details on these locations to follow.

Important note: You must call to confirm your hotel reservation no later than **Sunday, August 21**. Any rooms not confirmed by then will be released from the HOG chapter block after that date. Hotel information will be provided at the August chapter meeting during sign-ups. A \$20 deposit per person is required to reserve your spot on the ride.

******If you cannot make the chapter meeting and would like to sign up please contact Barry Phillips – drumrbear@gmail.com to reserve a spot and get hotel information (Wednesday after the chapter meeting).

LANCE'S YOUNG AT HEART RIDE – by Carl Samppala

The day started out overcast as we met at the New Berlin Police Department. Without the sun, light jackets or sweatshirts would be our uniform of the day. As we pulled out on to National Ave, we could tell that John Manka, Rock River Road Captain, had once again organized an excellent ride. We had an escort consisting of motor officers from New Berlin as well as a couple from Brookfield as well as a New Berlin squad to watch our backside. Thirty one residents of the Regency Senior Center had signed up for the 2022 edition of Lance's Young at Heart Ride. We pulled into the parking lot and were once again greeted by residents on their balconies waving and residents lined up three and four deep in front of the entrance.

I was hardly off my bike, when 'John' approached and asked me if 'Bill was here this year?' He showed me a picture and I said I hadn't seen him. At this point, without hesitation, John said 'OK, I'm going with you' and I had my first rider. We quickly filled up the first wave and off we went. As I glanced in my mirror, I had to fight the urge to pull over when I saw the flashing lights of the escorting squad behind us. It was a strange feeling to approach traffic lights and not have to worry about them changing at the last second.

Since we had so many riders, we needed to do three runs. As with the first go-around, the residents were lined up for the second and quickly scouted out 'their rides'. Again, our escorts lead us around the 25 +/- mile route.

Finally, my last rider was a gentleman named Karl. This must be karma-Karl riding with Carl? He warned me as he got on the bike that he had claustrophobia and if he tapped me on the shoulder we'd need to stop. At one point I thought I felt a tap, but he had just brushed a piece of dirt or a fly off my shoulder. He had a great ride and apparently was looking over my shoulder at the speedometer and asked me if I had ever gotten it to 120? I said no, at which point he said it'd be all right with him if we tried. I think our escorts might not appreciate that, so I told him maybe some other time.



As a remembrance, our passengers were presented with a certificate to commemorate the occasion.

We had several new faces join us this year, as well as a few seasoned veterans. We found out that many had signed up based on word of mouth from past participants. Make sure to watch the calendar and join us for next year's ride. This is always such a great event and it's sure to be a blast!

A special thanks goes out to the New Berlin and Brookfield police departments for helping to make this a safe and enjoyable outing-For both the participants as well as the residents!

BTW-I'm not sure what Jim Micale is doing in this picture. Could it be his passenger enjoyed her ride so much she won't get off?



ROCK WISCONSIN RIDE ROUND UP

Spring Green Trip - by Chuck Salamun

Last Sunday / Monday 34 people had a fantastic overnight ride out to the Spring Green area. Rock WI sub-committee of Chuck Salamun, Dwight and Virginia Lehman, Scott Kietzke, and Stan Urbaniak put this ride together. The ride included a special tour of the Taliesin Preservation, enjoyed a play at the American Player's Playhouse, and a tour of House on the Rocks. Drove back on Monday using a scenic route of beautiful roads through the Driftless area that incorporated the Merrimac Ferry (now open), an ice cream stop, and taking pictures at the Pink Elephant for fun.



Apostle Islands Trip – by Carl Samppala

The Rock Wisconsin Ride to the Apostle Islands had a final count was 24 two wheelers and 15 three wheelers. Thanks go out to Collette Konkel for our pre-ride blessing, with the day's ride ending in Ironwood, Michigan.

Saturday's goal was Bayfield for the 3hr. +/- boat tour. After docking, we rode to Delta, home of the famous Delta Diner and from there we were able to find some nice roads for the return to our hotel in Ironwood.

Sunday we rode to Rhinelander, where some of us were able to have our picture taken with the 'Hodag'. Continuing on after lunch, we rode to Crandon where we were able to check another Flat Rocker stop off the list. As you can see from the picture below, we also made friends with one of the locals. From there it was the evening's end in Shawano with Monday providing a day of choices for the ride home.

Karen and Lee Schmeling, Tim Droester and I hope everybody enjoyed this weekend and will be able to join us on future rides!





PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING!

WE STILL HAVE OPEN SPOTS AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP MAKING THIS A SUCCESSFUL HOMETOWN RALLY!

WE CAN'T DO IT WITH OUT YOU!

IF YOU NEED THE LINK PLEASE EMAIL ME AND I CAN SEND IT TO YOU. I WILL ALSO POST IT ON FACEBOOK AS WELL.

THANK YOU
LESLIE

DEALERSHIP EVENTS

AUGUST 17TH

BIKE NIGHT WITH CRAIG GERDES

6 PM - 9 PM

SEPT 2ND - 5TH

HOMETOWN RALLY

SEPT 11TH

MEDAL OF HONOR RIDE

SEPT 21ST

BIKE NIGHT WITH INSANE OCTANE

**GET
READY
TO
RALLY**

FRIDAY BAND **SEPT. 2** **LINE-UP**



BOOMER NATION
11:45AM-2:00PM (NORTH STAGE)

THROWBACK STEREO
12:45PM-3:45PM (NORTH STAGE)

BAD BOY
2:15PM-5:15PM (NORTH STAGE)

RYTHM KINGS
4:15PM-7:15PM (NORTH STAGE)

THE LOVE MONKEYS
7:00PM-10:00PM (SOUTH STAGE)

CHERRY PIE
8:00PM-11:00PM (NORTH STAGE)

FULL SCHEDULE @WISHRALLY | LABOR DAY WEEKEND



SATURDAY BAND **SEPT. 3** **LINE-UP**



V-FUNK
11:00AM-1:45PM (NORTH STAGE)

MARK CROFT BAND
11:45AM-2:45PM (NORTH STAGE)

THE PLAYLIST
2:30PM-5:15PM (NORTH STAGE)

BRUCE HUMPHRIES & THE ROCKABLY REBELS
3:15PM-6:15PM (NORTH STAGE)

TANGLED LINES
5:45PM-8:45PM (NORTH STAGE)

KATIE MACK & THE MOAN
7:00PM-10:00PM (SOUTH STAGE)

BLACKTOP MOJO
9:30PM-11:00PM (NORTH STAGE)

FULL SCHEDULE @WISHRALLY | LABOR DAY WEEKEND



SUNDAY BAND **SEPT. 4** **LINE-UP**



DIRTY BOBBIE
10:45AM-2:00PM (NORTH STAGE)

VINTAGE GROOVE
12:45PM-3:45PM (NORTH STAGE)

BREWDOWN BEAT
3:15PM-6:15PM (NORTH STAGE)

ADDICTION
4:15PM-7:15PM (NORTH STAGE)

REBEL GRACE
7:00PM-10:00PM (SOUTH STAGE)

HAIRBANGERS BALL
8:00PM-11:00PM (NORTH STAGE)

FULL SCHEDULE @WISHRALLY | LABOR DAY WEEKEND



MONDAY BAND **SEPT. 5** **LINE-UP**



MISSION ACCOMPLISHED
10:00AM-12:45PM (SOUTH STAGE)

OUR HOUSE
10:00AM-1:00PM (NORTH STAGE)

JUKEBOX BINGO
with prizes (SOUTH STAGE) 12:45PM-1:45PM

BOOTJACK ROAD
2:00PM-5:00PM (SOUTH STAGE)

5 CARD STUDS
2:00PM-5:00PM (NORTH STAGE)

FULL SCHEDULE @WISHRALLY | BIKE OR CAR THAT LIKES TO SHOW IT OFF



**** All dates subject to change **
(TBD) Date to be determined**

2022 Rock River HOG Chapter Calendar of Events

Updated: 05/15/2022

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
						23rd	Thur	D: Ride to Museum
						28th	Tue	Traveling Wall
RRC Supported Events			RRC Events			Dealership Events & Supported Rides		
D: Dealership sponsored ride			RC: Road Captain sponsored ride			RW: Rock Wisconsin sponsored ride		

