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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dawn "Firecracker" Makowski



Thank you everyone for an amazing two

years. I am leaving you in great hands with Ken Kessenich and Carl Sampala, your new Director and Assistant Director. I am thankful to have spent the last two years with an awesome group of volunteers at Rock



River. I am excited for our future and looking forward 2024 and beyond. Wishing everyone a very Happy & Blessed Christmas!

A few reminders as we close out 2022:

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> is our next Chapter gathering and our last for 2022. We are meeting at the Dousman Community Center, located at 235 N Main Street, Dousman, Oconomowoc. We will start at 6pm with dinner and beverages. A very casual meeting will follow around 7pm. We will also distribute awards for the Flat Rocker contest.

Rock River Holiday Party: Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ingleside. Tickets will be available for sale at our next chapter meeting and at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson through January 13<sup>th</sup>. Ticket prices are \$35 for members and \$70 for non-members. Dress-up in your favorite roaring 20's, favorite party attire or blue jeans.

*Dawn*

# TIME TO GET FESTIVE

The Rock River Chapter Holiday Party will be:

Friday, January 20, 2023 at the Ingleside.

6:00 PM Cocktails

7:00 PM Dinner

Fun and Frolic after dinner

The Roaring 20s is the theme this year and although dressing from the era would be amazing, it is not required.

\$35/members, \$75/non-members.

Your **last chance to sign up** is the December meeting on December 20<sup>th</sup>. So join in and get your ROAR on!



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The Rock River Chapter December meeting will be:

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at the Dousman Community Center.

6:00 PM Dinner and beverages

7:00 PM Brief meeting with Flat Rocker awards given.

Time for some Christmas cheer!



# FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

Membership enrollment began in October and runs through the last business day of December 2022 at the dealership. The cost is \$20 if you enroll during that time and \$30 if you enroll after January 1, 2023. So renew early to save money!! Sign up is at the dealership or at a chapter meeting. Please print legibly on all forms – especially on those email addresses! Just a reminder that there are TWO (2) pages to fill out. Thank you.

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# FROM OUR HISTORIAN

--Carl Samppala

**Member Anniversaries:**

**5 Years:**

Jeff Rebholz

Caroline Tindall

**New Members announced at the November Chapter Meeting:**

Tim Hall

Dana Schmitz

Stephen Schmitz

**Other milestones:**

Congratulations to Janet Sam for 100,000 HOG miles!

*Way to go, Janet!*



# H.O.G.

**Did You Know?** Planning a skills refresher course as a chapter activity is a great way to offer your members an opportunity to improve their riding skills. If your sponsoring dealership runs a Harley-Davidson Riding Academy program, ask the program manager about course availability or the possibility of scheduling a class just for your chapter. If that's not practical, you can find also rider training classes in your area at [H-D.com](https://www.harley-davidson.com) or on the Motorcycle Safety Foundation website at [msf-usa.org](https://www.msf-usa.org). As an added incentive, the H.O.G. Safe Rider Skills program offers a \$50 tuition reimbursement to members who complete a Riding Academy or MSF course, so encourage your members to take advantage of it.

**Mileage Challenge 2022** – You still have until December 31 to get that last reading in to count for all the miles you rode in 2022. Remember on that 1<sup>st</sup> or early ride in 2023 that you again need to get your mileage checked as a starting point for 2023 (I know! You would think your ending mileage would be your starting mileage – But!!! {we don't control or make the system - 😊})

## Ride 365 - New Perks for 2023

- Dealership Check-In Challenge participants will now be rewarded for more achievement levels along their journey, with awards received for 10, 25, 50, 75, and 100 or more check-ins. Here are the new reward levels:
  - 10-24 points: Ride 365 Dealership Check-In Challenge pin and patch
  - 25-49 points: Commemorative H.O.G. 40th Anniversary banner
  - 50-74 points: \$50 Norscot gift certificate for exclusive H.O.G. merchandise and H.O.G. Eagle wall medallion
  - 75-99 points: \$75 Norscot gift certificate
  - 100 points or more: \$100 Norscot gift certificate
  - First Place overall winner: \$2,000 Harley-Davidson® Gift Card, 1st Place Plaque and recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum®
  - Second Place overall: \$1,500 Harley-Davidson Gift Card, 2nd Place Plaque and recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum
  - Third Place overall: \$1000 Harley-Davidson Gift Card, 3rd Place Plaque and recognition at the Harley-Davidson Museum
  - For each prize level range, participants receive all prizes listed for that level in addition to all prizes for previous levels achieved
- 10 for '23 Challenge participants will receive a unique challenge coin for each location visited in addition to a poker chip

## 2023 HOG Touring Rallies

- Run the Gulf H.O.G. Touring Rally, February 27-March 2, New Orleans, LA to Gainesville, FL
- Spring Heat in AZ H.O.G. Touring Rally, March 25-28, Fresno, CA to Apache Junction, AZ
- Mighty Big Bend H.O.G. Touring Rally, May 1-5, El Paso to Lajitas, TX
- Natchez Trace & More H.O.G. Touring Rally, May 9-14, Indianapolis, IN to Slidell, LA
- The Ozark Highlands H.O.G. Touring Rally, June 17-21, Texarkana, AR to Columbia, MO
- Ring of Fire H.O.G. Touring Rally, August 29-September 2, Tacoma, WA to Chico, CA
- 9 Passes H.O.G. Touring Rally, September 5-9, Chico to Lancaster, CA

# ROCK WISCONSIN

Hello Rock River Chapter!

Happy Holidays to all. If your Christmas wish list to Santa included a Rock Wisconsin Ride, look no further. The committee has two meetings under our belt and it looks like another great riding season is ahead.

This year we have a couple of different events. First, in June we have a charity ride coming in from North Dakota. We'll be playing host and showing them how we have a good time in Wisconsin. Cheese heads optional.

Later in June we're looking at a Road Rally. I'm sworn to secrecy on this one, but plan on an overnight ride with some interesting twists.

In July, we have the 120<sup>th</sup> celebration and we'll continue the island theme from last year, as we're working on a trip to Mackinac Island.

Those of you that enjoyed our Apostle Islands trip last year, there was significant interest in repeating, so we're planning on an encore in August. We're planning a few tweaks to keep it fresh.

Also in August, we'll be doing the 'Driftless Dry'. You may recall our Driftless Ride last year was rained out

and this year we're making certain that doesn't happen again by using the proper title-You know, the power of positive thinking. As I watched our team working on this, I know this will be another good one.

Last, but certainly not least, we're looking at a ride to the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, then ride to an overnight stay and continue on to the EAA Museum in Oshkosh the next day. Watch the newsletter for dates when we get further along with planning.

So, get those Thank You notes to Santa-Rock Wisconsin has your rides!

*Carl*

2023 ROCK WISCONSIN RIDES				
Ride	Dates	Info Distributed at Chapter Mtg.	Deposits taken at Chapter Mtg.	
North Dakota group	June 17-19	May 16	N/A	N/A
Road Rally	June 23-25	Mar 21	Apr 18	May 16
Mackinac Island, MI	July 28-31	May 16	June 20	July 11
Apostle Islands II	Aug 10-14	May 16	June 20	July 11
Driftless Dry	Aug. 25-27	June 20	July 18	Aug 15
Circus World Museum, (Baraboo) EAA Museum (Oshkosh)	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

# SHINY SIDE UP

## ***Hello Fellow Rockers!***

I want to re-introduce RR to **“Shiny Side Up”** (SSU) with a more positive name change from the formerly “Biker Down”. This is where we can show support, respect & encouragement or cheer to our fellow Rock River HOG Chapter members & family, for their ***milestone celebrations*** and ***other life events*** such as *an illness, accident or death*; by sending a card, text, email, good vibes, prayers, dates/location of a funeral or fundraiser for their memory or honor.

You too can be part of the **“Kindness Squad”**. So, if you hear of any news where we need to support our RR family (aka friend+family=FRamily); please contact me at the email listed in our newsletter under the Rock Leaders or text me. **“Let’s encourage one another, as life is too short not to enjoy & support our RR family”**

As we see our RR chapter grow, I look forward to serving another year on the RR Officers board under HD HOG Hospitality and as a chapter ambassador. Let’s “make a difference” and Rock in 2023!

## ***Shine on! Be Kind! Shiny Side up!***

Live your best life!  
Best regards, Candy “GiGi”



# ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

As Kevin's mom declares in the Christmas classic *Home Alone*, "This is Christmas! The season of perpetual hope!" we also know that Christmas can also be the season of perpetual stress! Not only are there different sides of the family to juggle and running around buying presents for everyone on your list, there is often an endless array of (often fun, but time consuming) holiday activities to be a part of. If you're like so many of us, trying to juggle and make your own family holiday traditions against the litany of seasonal obligations—office parties, invitations to countless cookie exchanges, volunteer opportunities, and holiday productions—you are likely in need of a moment of levity. Something to take your mind off the hustle and bustle, go back to the joy, whimsy, and, best of all, humor that can be found during the holidays.

With that being said.

- “Aren’t we forgetting the true meaning of Christmas. You know, the birth of Santa?” - Matt Groening
- Christmas: the only time of year you can sit in front of a dead tree eating candy out of socks.
- How do snowmen get around? They ride an icicle!

See you on the road or at the Chapter Meeting. ☺

Jim “Muddy” Waters



## 50/50

December raffle ticket sellers are Candy Parr and Malkin Wallace.

**A big thank you to Rob Fehl and Tracey Iverson for helping out at the November chapter meeting.**

There are plenty of spots open for 2023, please consider helping for about an hour before the chapter meeting to sell raffle tickets.

Sign-up sheet will be next to the raffle drum.

# FROM YOUR SAFETY OFFICER

Happy December to all you Rockers!!

I hope all of you achieved your riding goals this year and enjoyed the open road like I did. I was lucky enough to log about 9K miles this past summer and had some great rides with some awesome riders. It was a beautiful fall riding season as well. But now we get to deal with ole man winter yet again. Hopefully you all had a chance to properly put away your motorcycles for the winter. I know some of you utilize Wisconsin Harley for their winter storage and are taking advantage of the winter down time to get your bike checked over and maybe even add a few extras goodies here and there to your bike. For those of you who store your bike at home, remember to take time this winter season to give your bike a good look over. I find it best to wash and clean the bike and then give it a thorough detailing. Sometimes you get lucky and find those little issues before they become big issues during next years riding season. If you don't have a heated garage, make sure you take in those temperature sensitive items like sun screen, water bottles and hopefully a First Aid kit. First Aid kits can have plenty of freezable items in them. Be sure to look at your owners manual and see what scheduled maintenance is coming due. Often in summer we are too busy trying to squeeze in all the summer fun and we don't give our bikes the maintenance attention they deserve. A well maintained bike is a safe bike!

As the Safety Officer in our HOG Chapter I know I need to talk motorcycle safety however, Wisconsin winters offer plenty of traveling hazards and sharing a few reminders on how to be prepared for these challenges, is worth your time. First and foremost, when traveling on a wintery Wisconsin road, SLOW DOWN. This is a hard one for everyone to do (especially me) with the hustle and bustle of the holidays but speed is usually the main reason for an accident. Cars today have a ton of safety features and driver comforts built in them and that can easily give you a false sense of security. If the road condition is questionable, double your following distance and drive smooth (Slow accel/decel) If the road looks like it could be slippery, do not use the cruise control. Make sure you keep your fuel tank above ½ full and keep your car stocked with snacks and extra warm cloths or blankets. You never know if you may need them.

Whenever you are walking in our winter wonderland, make sure you have good fitting shoes with good traction. If the sidewalk is slippery, maybe walk on the grass next to it or even in the snow if its not too deep. Falling in the snow is way better than falling on the hard surface of a sidewalk or driveway. Walk like a penguin! It will help you maintain your balance incase you do slip. We won't laugh at you, honest.

And for my last safety tip which you can use in **any** season, go easy on the libations while attending those festive parties. Whether you're on two wheels or four, please drink responsibly. We all want to see you make it home safe, so we can ride again tomorrow!

Now go find something to do! Don't just sit next to your motorcycle and wait for spring. Go rent a snowmobile or do some indoor go kart racing! Maybe take an Accident Scene Management Class or go shopping for more motorcycle stuff. Get together with your riding buddies and plan next years' rides. Eat smart and keep moving and most of all, be sure to HAVE FUN! Have a safe December and Merry Christmas!

--Dan Stamman

# 2023 PLANNING

(Full year calendar will be available beginning with the January newsletter)

## DECEMBER:

December 20, 2022 Chapter meeting at the Dousman Community Center

## JANUARY:

January 10, 2023 Rock Wisconsin 5PM, Board meeting 6PM, Road Captains 7PM

January 14, 2023 Chili cook off at the dealership

January 17, 2023 Chapter Meeting – Ingleside main building, Woodland Room

January 20, 2023 Holiday party at the Ingleside

## 2023 Regional H.O.G. Rallies

- Bossier City Breakout H.O.G. Rally, April 21-23, Bossier City, LA
- Mid-America H.O.G. Rally, June 22-24, St. Charles, MO
- H-D Homecoming/Harley-Davidson 120th Anniversary & H.O.G. 40th Anniversary, July 13-16, Milwaukee, WI
- “N” the Burg H.O.G. Rally, July 26-29, Fredericksburg, VA
- Battle Cry of Freedom H.O.G. Rally, August 16-19, Gettysburg, PA
- Bikes, Beaches & Bridges H.O.G. Rally, October 4-7, Clearwater, FL

Full details and registration links for all H.O.G. rallies are available on the [H.O.G. Rally Map](#).

HEY ROCKERS  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BE SURE TO STOP IN DURING  
OUR 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS. WE'VE PLANNED FUN FOR  
EVERYDAY! IF YOU DON'T HAVE FACEBOOK - JUST CALL  
US AND WE'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE  
STORE THAT DAY!

SO OUR CHILI COOKOFF IS SCHEDULED  
FOR JAN. 14TH. I'M LOOKING FOR AT  
LEAST TWO ROCKERS TO REPRESENT  
THE CHAPTER DURING OUR COOKOFF!  
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU'RE  
INTERESTED!

SADLY I'M STILL WORKING ON THE VOLUNTEER  
BANQUET TRYING TO FIND A PLACE TO HAVE IT.  
AS SOON AS I HAVE A DATE I WILL SEND OUT THE  
INVITE.

AS ALWAYS THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

LESLIE

