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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dawn "Firecracker" Makowski

Rockers,

It is so great to see many of you out riding. And we're not just talking about ice cream rides. You all are killing it. I've enjoyed following (not stalking 😊) many of you on Facebook. The posts have been amazing, and I feel like I am there with you. A few of your destinations are my favorites! Tennessee, Michigan, Missouri, Kentucky, and I am sure there's a few more states to add to this list. Continue to live the dream and be sure to stop in at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson and get those odometer readings! With all that fun you're having don't forget to plan for your maintenance appointments. If you have past or planned trips, estimate your mileage to gauge when your ride will need a tune up and get it scheduled.

In case you're wondering, our trip to Hawaii was fabulous. There were some roads that I would love to ride and others not so much. It's an intriguing culture, landscape and weather can be vastly different depending on the island and location on the island. We didn't get close with turtles, but we watched them from afar. They are protected and at many beaches there are volunteers that watch over them. We ate flowers, jumped from a waterfall, tried hula dancing, and enjoyed guided tours on every island. While traveling on the islands we were baffled by the number of chickens. There are so many! Worse than the squirrels, rabbits and deer all put together. Many of the locals told us that it was due to Hurricane Iniki in 1992. The storm damaged many of the coops, releasing chickens into the wild. It might also have something to do with the tourists feeding them too. The scariest land creature you'll find is a wild hog (and not a biker 😊).

We're back in the saddle, so to speak, and ready to get riding. Looks like we got some catching up to do. See you at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson, on the road, or at our next chapter event.

Ride often and ride safe!



ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

How can it be June already? Let me tell you about the Honor ride we had on Saturday, May 28, 2022 with **173 bikes** participating.

It was a police officer escorted ride from Wisconsin Harley to the War Memorial for a ceremony for **remembrance of those who have died in service to our country**. Afterward the ride returned to Wisconsin Harley.

I want to thank the following Road Captains that helped me make this a successful ride:

Dan Stammen, Tim Droster, Patti Farley, John Manka and Mark Makowski.

I want to also thank the Combat Vets, Waukesha County Sheriff, Milwaukee County Sheriff, Milwaukee PD and Oconomowoc PD for assistance.

See you at the Chapter Meeting.

Jim "Muddy" Waters



NEW BERLIN 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Join some of your fellow riders in celebrating the 4th of July by participating in the New Berlin Parade. We'll be staging at Pallas Restaurant (1657 S. 108th St, West Allis, WI.), KSU 10:30 am and riding to New Berlin. Pallas is setting aside an area for us to enjoy breakfast before riding to the parade.

Have a parade flag? Make sure you're flying it!

Questions? Contact: Carl Samppala (414)217-1368 or email: csamppala@att.net

LANCE'S YOUNG AT HEART RIDE

A continuing tradition returns July 16 at the Regency Senior Community-**Lance's Young at Heart Ride**. For those of you who are new to the Rock River Chapter, the residents of the Regency Senior Community in New Berlin have the opportunity to meet and ride with our members and for at least a short time, become 'bikers'.



This is a big deal for the residents. Last year so many residents wanted to ride that we had to form a second group! Even though I'd participated in this ride in the past, I was still surprised when we pulled in to the facility and saw all the residents lined up in front and on the balconies watching and waving at us.

A short ride, roughly 25 miles, over local roads brings smiles to the faces of the residents. Afterward, we meet and talk with the residents and there might even be cookies and refreshments!

So, pack up that extra helmet and join the fun! We'll be meeting at the New Berlin Police Department 16400 W. National Ave., KSU 8:30 am. The New Berlin Police Department will lead the group to Regency, then the fun starts!

ESCORT RIDE for the WALL THAT HEALS

The Wall That Heals is coming to the City of Franklin from June 29th – July 3rd. This is a 3/4 scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and mobile education center. The truck will roll in to Franklin on Tuesday June 28th and will be escorted from The Rock Sports Complex (7900 W. Crystal Ridge Drive) to Franklin High School. The mayor has asked for a motorcycle escort to Franklin High School. We will be one of the groups to escort it. Flag bikes are encouraged. We will meet at the Kwik Trip in Franklin 10750 W. Speedway Dr., Franklin at 12:30 pm with KSU at 12:45. The schedule is as follows: 1:00 pm arrival the Rock Sports Complex, 1:45 pm Ride Briefing, 2:00 pm Escort to Franklin High School.

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

Carl Samppala

New Members announced at May 2022 Chapter Meeting:

Deborah Brinkley
Donald Brinkley
Michelle Mather
Dan Wolter
Gina Hanson
Tracy Pinkowski

January Anniversaries:

2 Years

Barb Beckett
Clark Sherman
Vicky Belongia

May Anniversaries:

2 Years

Todd Evans
Charlotte Bruner
Gerald Bruner



L-R: Tracy Pinkowski, Gina Hanson, Dan Wolter,
Michelle Mather

ROCK WISCONSIN

Sign-up for a Rock Wisconsin ride: Remember these are first come first serve as long as we have hotel rooms available.

- Spring Green will be taken at the chapter meeting but there are very few spots remaining
- Apostle Islands will be taken at this chapter meeting and next as space allows
 - Ride deposit \$20 pp
 - Boat ride (optional) \$50 pp
- Wisconsin River Run will be taken at this chapter meeting and next as space allows
 - \$35 pp

Checks should be made out to Rock River HOG

FLAT ROCKER UPDATE



Does anybody recognize which Flat Rocker stop you could get your picture taken with me?

EDITOR'S NOTE: It would be great if a few folks could send me a picture of where you've stopped already to put in the upcoming newsletters or perhaps share a story about a visit you've made.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK



If you ordered a name tag, please see Betsy at the membership table at the next chapter meeting.

Also, stop by registration with your H.O.G. card to get your 2022 update sticker to help you receive your chapter discount at the dealership.

CHAPTER MEETING CHANGE

Following up on the E-Blast that went out, the next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, June 28th at the Ingleside in the Oakton Room which is on the east end by the big parking lot.

H.O.G.

There will be a mileage check-in after the chapter meeting. If you would like your mileage updated/recorded please just roll up after the meeting in the parking lot and we will record your mileage and VIN.

CHAPTER MEETING RAFFLE TICKETS

A big thank you to our virgin 50/50 raffle ticket sellers :
John and Renee Cone
You did a fantastic job!

June's 50/50 ticket sellers are:
John and Amanda Couden
Be sure to say "Hi" and buy a few tickets.

We could use a few volunteers for the July meeting. Do you want to walk around and socialize all while helping the chapter? See me, Theresa Leto at the next chapter meeting.

Rest in Peace

Jack D. McClung passed away on April 12th, 2022. Not only was he a long-standing Rock River member but he also is a Navy Veteran who served during the Vietnam War. Visitation is Saturday, June 25th at Church, and Chapel Funeral Home, 380 Bluemound Rd in Waukesha from 10am-11:45am. There will be a memorial service at 12pm. He will be laid to rest at Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove, with Military Honors at 11am on Monday, June 27th.

RIDE THE OZARKS

Here's your chance to get that one last ride in at the end of the season. We're heading to Branson Missouri to ride the Ozarks! Sign-up is required with a \$20 per person deposit. Once deposit is made, you'll receive the link to make your hotel reservations. Rooms are available on a first come basis. The rally is in Harrison Arkansas, about 30 minutes from our hotel. The official rally dates are October 7th and 8th, but there's activities on the days leading up to the rally weekend. Hotel reservation dates are flexible, and you have the option to ride down a few days early. More information and sign-up will be available at June's chapter meeting and future meetings if rooms are available. It's approximately 600 miles and we'll spread this out over two days. If you're not going to be at the June chapter meeting and would like more information, please email Dawn Makowski at director@rockriverhog.com.

What you missed at the May meeting:



Daisy, Fred, Lucy and Paul telling the membership about Pancakes for Pups.



Andrea Hayse from Lake Country School following up on their December promotion.

A Nation's Strength

By William Ralph Emerson

What makes a nation's pillars high
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?

It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand
Go down in battle shock;
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,
Not on abiding rock.

Is it the sword? Ask the red dust
Of empires passed away;
The blood has turned their stones to rust,
Their glory to decay.

And is it pride? Ah, that bright crown
Has seemed to nations sweet;
But God has struck its luster down
In ashes at his feet.

Not gold but only men can make
A people great and strong;
Men who for truth and honor's sake
Stand fast and suffer long.

Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others fly...
They build a nation's pillars deep
And lift them to the sky.



DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR ROLLING STURGUS



DEALERSHIP EVENTS

JULY 7TH

RIDE WITH WISHD TO THE MUSEUM BIKE

NIGHT

JULY 9TH

FIRE & IRON BURN CAMP RIDE

JULY 13TH

BIKE NIGHT

JULY 19TH

CHAPTER MEETING AT DEALERSHIP

JULY 20TH

RIDE TO BUDWEISER PAVILION FROM

WISHD

JULY 23RD

RIDE WITH THE DOCKHOUNDS FROM THE

MUSEUM



PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS!

LOOKING FOR BARTENDERS OR GARBAGE DETAIL

(THERE WILL BE TIMES I WILL NEED SOME PARKING HELP AS WELL)

YOU CAN SIGN UP ONE OF TWO WAYS:

1) STOP IN AT THE DEALERSHIP AND PUT YOUR NAME IN THE CALENDAR AT THE FRONT DESK ON THE DAY YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER

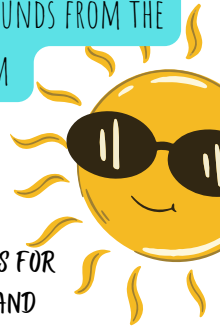
OR

2) EMAIL ME THE DAY AND POSITION AND I'LL PUT YOU IN THE CALENDAR!

Thank you



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR ROAD CAPTAINS FOR ALL THEY'RE DOING FOR THE DEALERSHIP AND MYSELF THIS YEAR! ALL OF YOU ARE AMAZING AND I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!



KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS A CAR THAT LIKES THEM MY WAY!

**** 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		

