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# FROM THE DIRECTOR



## Dawn "Firecracker" Makowski

Happy March Everyone. Hubby and I took a much needed vacation and traveled to Mexico for nine glorious days! I was able to disconnect, refresh and avoid most of life's responsibilities. And, hubby, well with a no "honey to do list" he was in heaven. It was rough at first, but we managed to sit by the pool, have a few refreshments, eat, and then do it all over again the next day. The two highlights of our trip were the catamaran cruise to Isla Mujeres and the Dolphin Discovery. Isla Mujeres is located on the Gulf of Mexico where it meets with the Caribbean Sea. It is the



second largest coral reef system in the world. It was previously referred to as Isla de Mujeres, Island of Women, Gods of childbirth and medicine. The island offers tons of shopping and eating.

The Dolphin Discovery was the "icing on the cake" and our last activity during our vacation. We were able to find an accredited organization that offered a safe interactive experience with dolphins and manatees. You are led by a trainer through the entire experience. We were able to touch both the dolphins and manatees. Dolphins feel very smooth and firm, while manatees are hard and slimy (algae). The experience included handshakes, kisses, dolphin pushes and dolphin pulls. These creatures leave you feeling mesmerized with a big joyful heart. While the entire interaction was only about 45 minutes, it was amazing!

While we were gone it snowed twice and temperatures bounced all over the place. My first morning back home, I walked out of the house without my jacket. Guess I forgot where I was...LOL. But the time is near to awaken your rides, wipe off the dust and unpack your riding gear. If you are a snow bird or just haven't made it out to the meetings yet, the newsletter is your place to stay in the know as important ride updates are coming your way. – Dawn

# ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

As I'm writing this article, Spring will arrive in **12 days 21 hours 39 minutes**. I don't know about you, but I sure hope that ground hog was correct that there was only six weeks left of winter. We can only hope that all the snow and salt is gone by Sunday May 1 for our Bike Blessing. If you haven't looked at the 2019 calendar you need to do so, especially new members. We have a ton of rides and events planned for this riding season so the calendar will be updated each month with new rides / events.

New members, if you ever have questions regarding an upcoming ride please do not hesitate to talk to me or any of the Road Captains.

Hope to see you at the next chapter meeting!

Jim "Muddy" Waters

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## FROM OUR HISTORIAN

**Carl Samppala**

### **New Members announced at February 2022 Chapter Meeting:**

Tammy Blankenheim

David Logan

### **January Anniversaries: 2 years:**

Greg Bartrom

Rochelle Bartrom

Jean Brogan

Mike Brogan

### **February Anniversaries: 2 Years**

Ed Albea

Julie Balthazor

Carie Bronson

Paul Dros

Patti Farley

Jim Fisher

Don Geisler

Cindy Gscheidmeier

Marty Gscheidmeier

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# SPRING SAFETY

**BY: J.T. GREENWALD**

Hello Rockers! It's March and with a small taste of warmer weather I am sure we are all itching to enjoy our favorite shared hobby, riding our Harley Davison Motorcycles. Before you saddle up, there are a few things you should consider.

First and foremost, remember that we live in Wisconsin. PLEASE be mindful of the weather. It can change even faster than normal with the potential for water on roadways to refreeze and become very hazardous black ice. Most of us have smart phones, use it and keep an eye on changing weather conditions. Never assume standing water is shallow, you never know what lurks below.

Secondly, make sure you give your bike a good look over. Check the tires for pressure, cracks, bulges and of course how does the tread look? Traction is even more crucial this time of year. Also check your fluid levels and look for potential fuel or other fluid leaks.

Thirdly, once you throw a leg over the bike be sure to check your clutch and throttle. Make sure your mirrors are adjusted correctly as well, they may have been moved during storage. Be sure to check your brakes and make sure they are firm.

Fourthly, be aware of imperfect road conditions. In Wisconsin, although potholes seem to be a rite of passage, they can be devastating on a ride. Even roads you take daily in your car or truck may be very different for your Harley in the beginning of the year. Be very mindful of salt, sand or loose rocks, especially at corners. Slower speeds are certainly recommended.

Lastly, be sure to wear all the right gear. Of course a helmet is always recommended, but at the very least a good set of leathers will help protect you. A good leather coat, gloves and chaps are always great to protect you in the event of a spill. It is important all year round to have good foot gear. Boots provide the best footing, but solid soles are most important.

Get out and ride; just be sure to take a few extra steps to make it the first of many this season.

# ROCK WISCONSIN

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## LAKE MICHIGAN

### SEMI-CIRCLE TOUR II

### June 10-12, 2022

Our “overnighter” season kicks off with the LMsCT II ride, picking up where we left off last season. After an early relaxing 2-1/2 hr ride across the pond via the Lake Express Ferry (*Motorcycle & Trikes ride FREE like last year*) we head inland skirting the eastern edge of Huron-Manistee National Forest, followed by a stop at the Eiffel Tower in Paris, MI. Then it’s north to the Bay area for the night.

Saturday, we head up the bay side of the peninsula to Northport, then follow the Eastern seaboard of Lake Michigan south past Sleeping Bear Dunes, Green Point Dunes, thru Arcadia Dunes: The CS Mott Nature Preserve, and thru a section of the Huron Manistee National Forest, concluding the day in the Holland, MI area.

Sunday Funday brings an intimate ride Michigan City & Gary, IN, and Indiana Dunes State & /National Park to name a few. Continuing into Illinois we follow the lake front before crossing IL/WI state line and back into WI. From there it's WI Hwy 32 all the way back to MKE where the adventure concludes at Oklahoma & Hwy 32, where “The Tour” started last year.

Start @ Lake Express Parking Lot, Milwaukee, WI.  
KSU 4:45 A.M. Friday, June 10, 2022.  
Ends @ Oklahoma & Hwy 32, St Francis, WI.  
KSD ≈ 6:00 p.m., Sunday, June 12, 2022

Daily Mileage(s); Fri 160\* / Sat 270 / Sun 245  
\* Does not include getting to start or 83 mi Ferry ride.

Ride Deposit: \$20/perLake Express: \$120/per  
Fri Lodging: \$211/rm Sat Lodging: \$136/rm.

Registration Tue, Apr 19, 2022 - Tue, May, 17, 2022.

# ROCK WISCONSIN

Pick up a map showing our Riding Season 2022 at the chapter meeting, the dealership, or print the page from this newsletter.  
**PLEASE NOTE: Date change for the Driftless Ride**

Ride	Info Distributed at Chapter Mtg.	Deposit taken	
Lake Michigan Semi-Circle Tour June 10-12	3/15, 4/19	4/19	5/17
<del>Driftless Area June 24-26</del>	<del>4/19, 5/17</del>	<del>5/17</del>	<del>6/21</del>
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

## NAVIGATION 101 AND 102

Getting you ready for the 2022 riding season

- Navigation 101 – **Saturday March 19, 10:30 – 11:30** – *upstairs at Wisconsin Harley Davidson*
  - Explore the Harley Ride Planner app, plan a route, adjust waypoints, save the ride and load it onto your Harley Davidson Boom system.
  - Bring a flash drive (thumb or jump!) to take home files for you to review
- Navigation 102 – **Tuesday April 5, 5:30** – *upstairs at Wisconsin Harley Davidson*
  - Take an existing Harley Ride Planner generated route (a .gpx file) and import it into a more robust free app – Tyre.
  - Learn to modify the route to make your navigation easier and more clear, and then export it for your Harley Davidson or a Garmin.

# ABATE 1F WAUKESHA

I'm Bob "BuellBob" Slowinski. I am the Regional Rep. for 1F Waukesha ABATE.

ABATE of Wisconsin's goal is to give the motorcyclist of Wisconsin a strong, united voice with regard to their future, their way of life, their safety and their legal rights as motorcyclists and citizens.

Legislation - ABATE is a bi-partisan grass roots activist organization keeping tabs on bills being considered that would be detrimental or beneficial to the motorcyclist. We work very closely with all legislators to achieve our goals.

Education - Our sister company, ABATE of Wisconsin Safe Rider Inc. teaches and experienced rider courses. We also teach drivers education students how to "Share the Road" with motorcyclist.

Safety - We monitor safety programs facilitated by the DOT and try to work with them.

We believe that the education of motorists will keep us alive better than safety equipment requirements. The DOT seems to focus on safer crashing; we believe in crash avoidance.

Our goal is to keep all motorcyclist safe on Wisconsin roadways by preventing crashes through Awareness and Training

Thank you for the opportunity to help you understand what ABATE is all about.  
Let's Be Safe Out There.



Waukesha Strong  
BuellBob.

# MOTORCYCLE POTPOURRI

- Early bike helmets were lined with cork.
- Front tires disperse water at three times the rate of rear tires.
- The record for the longest-ever backwards motorcycle ride was set by Dipayan Choudhury in Jabalpur, India on October 7, 2014, lasting 125.52 miles (202 kilometers).
- A man in North Carolina buried his Harley-Davidson on his property and claimed it stolen in 2006. He was paid for the stolen motorcycle and his loan also paid off. The motorcycle was discovered in 2012 by a new owner of the property having some grading done by a contractor.
- An estimated 10 cents of every \$1 in insurance premiums for motorcycles goes toward payment of fraudulent claims, according to the North Carolina insurance department as of 2012.
- Green used to be considered a very unlucky color for motorcycles because it was thought to cause crashes while racing.
- The world's longest motorcycle was built in Gujarat, India in 2015 by Bharat Sinh Parmar, sitting at 86 ft 3 in (26.29 m) long
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"NO I'M NOT GOING TO WRITE YOU A TICKET, I JUST WANTED A BETTER LOOK AT YOUR BIKE."



*Camaraderie is the spirit of friendship and community in a group, like the camaraderie of soldiers at war who keep each other upbeat despite the difficulty of their circumstances. Who is a comrade? A close friend or a fellow soldier — in other words, someone who comes to mind when you say, "We're in this together." Camaraderie is a feeling of trust, a bond created by a shared goal or experience — you don't have to be best friends with everyone in the group to know you have their support.*

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

## 2022 Rock River HOG Chapter Calendar of Events

Updated: 03/12/2022

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		
<b>Helmet Month - 20% off with trade in</b>			<b>Motorcycle Awareness Month</b>			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: LMST 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	Dealership 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	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
<b>RRC Supported Events</b>			<b>RRC Events</b>			<b>Dealership Events &amp; Supported Rides</b>		
D: Dealership sponsored ride			RC: Road Captain sponsored ride			RW: Rock Wisconsin sponsored ride		



# WISCONSIN



## UPCOMING EVENTS!!

LUCKY COIN SATURDAY 3/19/22  
FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM

PACKING WORKSHOP  
FROM 10 AM TO 11 AM

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR  
BIKES & BREWS ON APRIL 2ND  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL  
LESLIE



Wisconsin Harley-Davidson . Oconomowoc



Saturday  
**APRIL 2**  
2022

Beer . Seltzer . Cider  
**TASTING EVENT**

**RIDING SEASON HOURS START APRIL 4TH**  
**THE DEALERSHIP WILL BE OPEN**  
**7 DAYS A WEEK**

**FRIENDLY REMINDER !!**

WITH NICER RIDING WEATHER COMING SOON

WE WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE TO GIVE A TWO WEEK LEAD TIME FOR GETTING YOUR BIKE OUT OF STORAGE  
SO IF YOU WANT YOUR BIKE,  
PLEASE BE SURE TO CALL AND SET YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH SERVICE NOW