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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dawn "Firecracker" Makowski



I believe I may have gone on my last long distance ride for the year. We just returned from the Ozarks in Missouri and it was quite the adventure. Two days to ride down, two full days of riding around and two days to get home. Haven't tallied the miles yet, but it's not about the miles, it's about the adventures! Unless we have a few more weeks of temps above 60 degrees and no rain, the only riding I'll be doing is straight for winter storage. Okay, well maybe I'll venture out at 50 degrees 😊. Hoping everyone enjoyed every mile they rode this year! At the time of writing this there are eighty-one days till 2023 and 201 days till the next riding season, but who's counting?

A few reminders as we finish up our year. At our October meeting you will hear from members who've expressed interest in chapter leadership. Please be sure to read about them in this newsletter. Voting will take place in November and the new crew will start in January. Please be sure to thank your road captains, board/officer members, Rock Wisconsin and other committee members. They have worked very hard to ensure this is a place within our family for anyone who shares our passion to the sport and brand. Details for our December meeting are still underway. We will share information as things are finalized.

Chapter meeting is next Tuesday, October 18th at the Ingleside Hotel, located at 2810 Golf Rd, in Pewaukee. Social hour starts at 6pm and meeting at 7pm.

Dawn

FLAT ROCKER UPDATE

Tuesday's chapter meeting is the **FINAL DEADLINE** to turn in your 2022 Flat Rocker submissions.

You can submit your accomplishments by printing pictures on paper (multiples on a page is fine as long as we can distinguish where you were), placing pictures on the template provided and printing that, getting prints made at a Walgreens, or the like, or handing in a flash drive. Be assured all will be returned to you.

Please do NOT send these through emails as the files get to be extremely large and are cumbersome to sort through.

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Prizes will be awarded at the December chapter meeting. Most importantly, we hope you had fun participating!

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

– Carl Sampala

New Members announced at September 2022 Chapter Meeting:

Paul Dickson

Brian Bernstein

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

Membership enrollment will begin 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 renumber that there are TWO (2) pages to fill out. Thank you.

ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

I don't know about you, but I have had a great year of riding on some awesome rides this year. How fast the riding season has gone. I have met many new people and enjoyed many happy times. This is my favorite time of the year to ride on a beautiful scenic ride on Wisconsin's backroads. The trees are downing their fall color and smell of fall is in the air. Overhead a flock of Canadian geese is navigating the high wind as they are heading south. The farmers are harvesting the crops from the fields. Oh My! How fortunate are we that we get to ride our bikes and take it all in. We get to do what many people will never have a chance to do or experience. I thank the good lord each day for allowing me to be part of such a wonderful chapter with such amazing members. Where else could I have a captive audience to tell a joke or funny story to? STOP GROANING!

With that being said;

What did the skunk say when the wind changed? *It's all coming back to me now.*

That German comedian's sausage jokes are the *wurst*.

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

Jim "Muddy" Waters



ROCK WISCONSIN

Join US!! – The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month November – September from 5 to 6PM at the dealership. We work together and plan great riding experiences for our chapter. If you can contribute by planning a ride, making hotel reservations, planning meals, planning routes, leading or sweeping a ride (you don't have to do them all even just one helps the team).

2022 ROCK RIVER CHAPTER RIDE SURVEY

All of our rides for the 2022 riding season have been completed. To best plan for Chapter rides (both Rock Wisconsin and Road Captain) and Dealership rides, please complete this brief survey so that we can provide opportunities that meet your riding preferences. Click (or hold the Ctrl key and click) the [2022 Ride Survey](#) link here. Please! Both riders and passengers complete this survey (but only once each!).

Thanks in advance.

MILEAGE CHECK

If you ride your bike to this month's chapter meeting, Ken and Dawn will be available afterward to record your mileage. Let's get our chapter high up in the ranks this year!

FALL SAFETY

Jay T Greenwald – Safety Officer

Rockers, as we are now in the fall riding season and have more darkness and daylight, there are a few things you should be wary of as you take the road on your Harley Davidson.

As the leaves begin to fall and cover the road they can create a significant road hazard. Much like grass clippings, they have an impact on the traction between the roadway and your tires. Be extra cautious around curves and remember if you begin to slide remember not to lock your brakes up, but try to downshift to gain control. This will increase your odds of staying upright. Using the motor to slow your wheel speed is far superior to hard braking.

Fall also means that wildlife is on the move more than usual. As you know I have already had an encounter myself with a deer last month. The younger wildlife is even less familiar with cars, motorcycles and roadways. Defensive driving is always a must on two wheels, but continue to scan the roadsides for possible crossings. 'Use your high beams whenever possible.

The temperatures are of course falling and the first freezes and frosts will be upon us soon. Be alert for black ice or slippery road surfaces, especially in the evening, and early morning hours. Those leaves, that we mentioned before, can freeze up and become extremely slippery, so extra caution is needed.

And be aware of other riders. You are not the only one wanting to get those last rides in, or see the beautiful changing of the leaves. Fall is a very popular time for people to ride their motorcycles, so be aware of fellow riders out there. Bottom line, do the preventative things we practice all year long and enjoy your ride.

MEET YOUR FUTURE BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Director – KEN KESSENICH

I am excited to run and serve as director of the Rock River Chapter. My wife Lori and I ride a 2015 Ultra Limited, now with over 58,000 miles on it. In 2020 I helped to form the Rock Wisconsin committee with the goal of planning “weekend” rides for our chapter. I have continued to serve as the Rock Wisconsin committee leader these past three years. If you participated in one of the Rock Wisconsin rides the last years, we likely have met and enjoyed each other’s company. Planning rides for our chapter, leading, and sweeping these rides has been my privilege.

I became a Road Captain two years ago and have created and led rides for chapter and dealership activities. The VFW ride, DockHounds Ric Flair, HD Museum, State Fair Pavilion, and Flat Rocker rides name a few.

Lori and I resurrected the Flat Rocker experience the past two years, but to be honest she is more of the brains of that operation. Visiting Wisconsin State Parks in 2021 and eating a lot of ice cream in 2022 have both helped us see new parts of our great state. We have a couple of great ideas for 2023 – Shhhhh!

Volunteering to help the dealership with Bikes and Brews, the Rally weekend, and Bike nights have been an annual commitment.

I have learned a lot working with Dawn serving as her assistant director as well as when I served as assistant director of the former Kettle Moraine Chapter. I have communicated with chapter members in person, through email, and through our newsletter bringing H.O.G. programs to our chapter. I plan to keep the good things going, encourage more rides for our members, and strengthen the relationship between the dealership and our chapter.

I look forward to the opportunity to serve as your Rock River Director.

Sincerely,

Ken Kessenich

Assistant Director – CARL SAMPPALA

Hello Rockers! I am looking forward to our upcoming elections in November and am asking for your consideration as Assistant Director.

Many of you know me from our monthly Chapter meetings and my role as your Historian. Others may have become acquainted with me from our Rock Wisconsin Rides and my work as one of the committee members. For the rest, you're friends I just haven't gotten to know yet.

Kitty, my better half (some would say better $\frac{3}{4}$'s) and I ride a 'wine colored' 2016 Limited that Kitty has named 'Bella'. By the time you read this, she (*Bella, not Kitty*) should have turned over 61,000 miles. We have been to Sturgis, Tail of the Dragon and ridden around both Lakes Michigan and Superior. If you read between the lines, you can see that we like to 'Ride and Have Fun' and that's what it's all about, right?

I've been privileged to work with Dawn, Ken and the rest of our Officers over the last 2 years. We have a Chapter to be proud of and I would like the opportunity to help continue. My goals will be to build on what we've accomplished and continue to develop and stage rides and events that we can all take part in and enjoy.

Prior to joining The Rock River Chapter I had been involved with other Chapters and I consider Rock River home. I have been privileged to meet many people here that I really consider friends and I'm looking forward to building on that circle!

If you see me at our Chapter meetings, dealer events or rides, please take the opportunity to talk with me. I'm very interested in your ideas, concerns and comments regarding where I can serve you.

I hope that I can count on your support for Assistant Director.

Sincerely

Carl Samppala

Safety Officer – DANIEL STAMMEN

My Name is Daniel Stammen. I am 48 years old and I have been a Rock River Hog member since I believe 2019. I own two Harley Davidsons, a 2013 Street Glide Standard and a 1993 Sportster 883 Deluxe and an old 1975 Honda XL175. I have been riding since I was 8 years old and started on a 1972 Honda Trail 70. I do most of the maintenance on my own motorcycles myself and enjoy keeping my motorcycles in the best condition I can afford. I believe very much that if you take care of the bike, it will take care of you.

I worked for 20 years in the Aviation industry as a Aircraft Maintenance Technician and Inspector and have a thorough understanding of “Preventative Maintenance”. I hope to take some of my experience as a technician and a motorcycle enthusiast and apply it toward the Safety Officer position by inspiring people to be more involved in the general maintenance of their motorcycle, riding gear, and in some situations, even the operator as we all continue to enjoy the “Biker Life” on our beloved Harley Davidsons.

No matter if the rider is new or a seasoned veteran, we all need to be reminded to take a moment and think about, what we are riding, how we are riding, and what to do if a certain unplanned scenario happens while riding whether it be a maintenance, or medical issue.

I have a few ideas that I would like to try and bring to the Chapter Meetings and I hope to touch base with the Service Dept at WI HD to possibly find a few parts lying around that we could borrow for Chapter Members to look at and learn more about the bike they ride and what to look for to help keep them running strong. I also hope to maybe put together a “Knock The Rust Off” ride in the spring to help educate riders on how motorcycle riding is a motor skill that diminishes during the winter and needs to be recognized before the bike gets way ahead of your current skill level. I also think in some ways we are lucky to have a winter so we can have time to learn other aspects of motorcycle riding like taking an ASM Class. I would like to possibly set up a class for people to take before next riding season. I find it can be tough to motivate people to make time for ASM but it is a great class.

Mostly I hope to make the safety issues with riding motorcycles more interesting to chapter members and maybe even inspire riders to just think a little more about the “what if” while riding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Daniel Stammen

OZARKS RIDE WRAP UP



wednesday started out cool, although I prefer to think of it as invigorating, as we departed from the Kwik Trip in East Troy. This allowed us to dress up in our finest leathers and look the part of true bikers. Ahead of us was about 600 miles of riding. We were headed for the Ozarks and the home of some great riding. There were 19 of us on 15 bikes headed south. The first 60 or 70 miles were on the freeway, but we soon got off the super-slab and started to follow the Rock River through Illinois. Illinois RTE 2 is a nice 2 lane road that led us through several small towns. We had an enjoyable lunch stop at The Pink Tavern in Lomax and it was on the road again. A few sprinkles of rain late in the afternoon provided the 'holy water', blessing our ride. We arrived at the Depot Inn in LaPlata, MO, tired but happy with a full day of nice roads behind us. The Depot Inn is a railroad themed hotel managed by very friendly and accommodating folks-We highly recommend it and hope to visit again.

Thursday again started out invigorating and Mark Makowski found more great roads. It seemed we ran the whole alphabet of state highways (MO-C, MO-E, etc.). We were treated to the start of fall colors with the only downside being they hadn't completely changed yet. Arriving in Branson, MO around dusk, we checked in and unpacked. We ordered pizza and were able to enjoy dinner with good company.

On Friday, we headed out to the 'Ride the Ozarks Rally' in Harrison, ARK. Unfortunately, when we arrived we found they were still setting things up. We had anticipated finding food vendors for a breakfast, but no such luck. After checking out the Rally offerings, we decided to head for the Cliff House Inn for breakfast. The Cliff House is about 40 minutes away and we were able to work up an appetite maneuvering the mountain twisties! When we arrived, we found our group had grown by one! Dave, from Dallas, Texas, was at the Rally grounds, had seen our group leave and thought it was one of the rally rides, so he followed us. He joined us for breakfast and asked if he could join us. After breakfast, we headed back to the Rally grounds finding more twisty mountain roads to get us there. LOTS OF FUN! At our gas stop, Dave said good bye and continued on. As someone said, 'I'm going to miss him!' When we pulled into the Rally grounds, who do we see? Dave! Handshakes and hugs for our reunion! From here, it was off to Gaston's White River Resort for a late lunch. We were able to ride across the Bull Shoals dam-A very impressive site when

comparing the water held back, on one side, with the discharge 225' lower on the other. It was getting late when we finished lunch, so we were limited on the route back, we couldn't take as many twisties as we might have liked.

Saturday we were off to Rogers, ARK to check out the 'Bikes, Blues and Barbeque' Rally. Rogers was hopping and the area around Pig Trail Harley was as busy as anything we've seen. Back to our hotel, our route through Beaver, ARK allowed us to cross the 'Arkansas Golden Gate Bridge'. This is the last remaining suspension bridge in Arkansas, spanning 554'. The drive lane is 'paved' with wood planking and is only one lane wide, so drivers need to take turns.

Sunday and our return trip came much too soon. On the road again and for the return trip, we were mainly on the freeway(s). Our final night on the road was spent enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow travelers with snacks and some cards. BTW-Make sure you ask Kitty how she did. (I think I'm hanging with a cardsharp!)

Thanks to Dawn and Mark Makowski for spearheading this trip! Great riding with great friends!

February 2023 Mexico trip Update

We're staying at the brand new, adults only, RIU Latino in Costa Mujeres. Flights are out of Chicago and nights range from five to seven. Pricing starts at \$2,800 and it includes flights, lodging, transportation to/from hotel and travel protection. There are about six rooms already booked and it's not too late to join us for a lot of fun in the sun! For more information email me at admin@throttletravel.com.

Dawn



WISCONSIN



DEC. 3RD IS THE OCONOMOWOC CHRISTMAS PARADE – PLEASE LET ME KNOW BY EMAIL IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BEING PARTY OF THE CHRISTMAS PARADE THIS YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO SEND EMAILS ON TIMES AND LOCATIONS FOR MEETING.

DEC. 10TH WE'LL BE DOING OUR GIFT WRAPPING DURING OUR CUSTOMER APPRECIATION EVENT FROM 10 AM – 4 PM.

WE'LL SPLIT THE SHIFTS INTO 3 HOUR SHITS LOOKING FOR 3 VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH SHIFT WE WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ALL TIPS TO THE DOGS IN VESTS PROGRAM. I WILL HAVE SIGNUP SHEETS AT OUR CHAPTER MEETINGS UNTIL THE SPOTS ARE FILLED.

- DEALERSHIP EVENTS**
- OCT. 29TH TRICK OR TREAT & COSTUME EVENT**
- NOV. 25TH BLACK FRIDAY EVENT**
- NOV. 26TH VENDOR MARKET**
- DEC. 3RD CHRISTMAS PARADE**
- DEC. 10TH CUSTOMER APPRECIATION & PICS WITH SANTA**
- DEC. 17TH VENDOR MARKET**

PLEASE NOTE I'M STILL WORKING ON THE VOLUNTEER BANQUET TIME AND DATE. I SHOULD HAVE THIS BY NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER.

THANK YOU - LESLIE



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(TBD) Date to be determined**

2022 Rock River HOG Chapter Calendar of Events

Updated: 10/14/2022

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		

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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 - Insane Octane
17-18	Sun-Mon	RW: Spring Green Ride						
19th	Tue	Chapter Meeting - At 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 - Dealership 11-3	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	5th	Mon	Officers Meeting
11th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	15th	Tue	Chapter meeting - Ingleside	10th	Sat	Customer Appreciation (Gift Wrap?)
11th	Tue	Officers Meeting				13th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting
11th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting				13th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting
						21st	Tue	Chapter Meeting - Dealership
18th	Tue	Chapter Meeting - Ingleside						
29th	Sat	Costume Day @ Dealership						
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