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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ken Kessenich

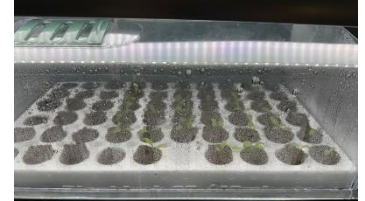
"April Showers bring May Flowers".

I did a little research and it seems historians believe this phrase may date back to a 1610 poem, which contained the lines "Sweet April showers, do spring May flowers." A longer phrase, "March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers," was also been traced back to 1886. Again, the thought of a period of discomfort or hardship can provide the basis for a period of happiness and joy.

I appreciate the April showers for at least two reasons. They provide water improving soil moisture to allowing for germination of seeds cast last year, and it also washes sand and salt off the roads making our riding safer and decreasing the amount of rust that is likely to form on our motorcycles and cars.



Nasturtium – Edible Flowers



Nasturtium and Gazania germinating



Gazania

Our hibernation period, keeping our bikes/trikes either in the garage or at our dealership has or will end soon. I planned to pick my bike up from WISHD on Friday, April 22nd, but with

all the snow that was postponed to the next Thursday just in time allowing me to participate in the Pizza Ride on Good Friday. Friday was an invigorating and sunny day where I was super happy to have heated grips and a heated jacket – I highly recommend both of them! The route was great (thanks Dan) and leaning into the turns brought a smile to my face, even though you could not have seen it through my neck gaiter.

Our chapter's "May flowers" will germinate with the Flat Rocker 2024 stops and Windy 9 ride leading us into another great season of chapter rides, riding with friends, and just riding.

I look forward to the many rides that will bloom this year allowing us to enjoy so many roads, learn new things, and experience new places.

See you at the meeting,

Ken

ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

Spring has arrived.

There is no other season that has an effect, much like a burst of energy, on the world at large more so than spring. Whether one lives in the North or the South, it is thanks to this season for the renewal of life that it brings. Birds, children and adults have a new pep to their step and once again start to sing. The foliage awakens and blossoms, giving way to a wondrous new playground, all thanks to the welcomed arrival of our spring. With the passing of each day, excitement mounts when we can get our bikes out of storage and finally get on them and ride. I can't wait! Looking at our calendar, we have so many wonderful rides and events planned for this year.

May 5th, Sunday – Brunch Ride



This will be a Road Captain led brunch ride to "The Lodge"

S74W17096 Janesville Rd, Muskego, WI 53150. Ordering will be off the menu. Staging will be at Wisconsin Harley at 10:00. KSU at 10:30 arriving at the destination at 11:30. Signup will be at the April chapter meeting for a head count only.

May 18th, Saturday – Bikes, Blessing, & the VFW

When Sat, May 18,
Description Staging: KSU: Meet at the New Berlin VFW - 17980 Beloit Rd, New Berlin, WI 53146 1-hour Road Captain led ride to Wisconsin Harley Davidson This is a fund raiser for the VFW - \$20 single rider, \$30 w/ passenger All net proceeds benefit the VFW Unmet Needs Program. Registration is from 10-10:45, 10:45 is the Blessing, and 11:00 is KSU.



May 31st, Friday -2 Amish Bakery Ride

This will be a Road Captain led ride. 8:30am Staging at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson dealership. KSU at 9:00am. About 70-mile scenic ride to Pleasant View Bakery in Dalton, WI, with 1 gas/comfort stop along the way. The bakery is CASH only. The parking lot is gravel. Picnic tables to sit and eat, port-a-potty on site. Inside bakery is small and room for less than 10 people at a time. Sometimes there's a line to get in. The bakery sells pies, breads, desserts, cookies, soft pretzel, jams, etc.



Hope to see you at the next chapter meeting!

Jim "Muddy" Waters

SAVE THE DATE FOR KNOCK THE RUST OFF EVENT

APRIL 27 ,2024 at 9:00AM
At the **FOX RIVER CHURCH** in Waukesha

Take advantage of this perfect opportunity to practice skills that were hibernating all winter and then go on a ride to fine tune them. ABATE will be leading this event but don't forget to look for our Safety Office, Dan Stammen there too!

This event is
FREE!



Ride Back in Time!!

Join your Rock River Road Captains for an enjoyable Day Ride to the

VOLO Museum in Volo, Illinois.

Saturday June 15, 2024

KSU from Wisconsin Harley @
8:30 am.

Volo Museum Admission gives you access to 10 buildings full of old cars, movie cars, boats, music marvels and SOOO much more.

Titanic Museum and Jurassic Museums available for an added charge.

We are planning to ride a direct route to the Volo Museum via Highways 67 & 12 with one stop enroute. Travel time approx. 2 hours (73 mi) including one gas stop. There are snacks and pizza available at the museum. The ride will end at the museum so everyone can enjoy it at their own pace. However, there may be a casual group ride back with a stop or two for some food, refreshments and camaraderie.

Sign up and enjoy the ride to a great destination.



FROM OUR HISTORIAN

By: Carl Samppala

New Members:

Patrick Kenny

Valerie Kenny

Anthony Mollusky

Mike Higgins

March Anniversaries:

2 Year: Matt Toepfer

5 Year: Tim Droster

Jay T.Greenwald



Tor Millonzi
(February New member)

AT APRIL'S MEETING

Guest Speaker!!

Be sure to join us at the April 16th Chapter meeting where we will have a guest speaker from Hupy & Abraham. They are going to talk about what to expect after a motorcycle accident. They will share some valuable information and show you why you need to check your insurance coverage. Hear what to expect from your insurance company and how to be sure you have the proper coverage as a motorcyclist. These guys see every day the common mistakes people make choosing the wrong type of insurance coverage and how the wrong coverage can cost you much more in the end. They will be at a table at the meeting to answer any questions you may have.

TASTE TO HOPE

Tickets will be available for purchase at the chapter meeting for the April 20th event. Please refer to March's newsletter for all the information.

POTHOLES

AKA- SNEAKY SPEED BUMPS



As we all know, spring in Wisconsin is Pothole season. So while you are trying to get reacquainted with your motorcycle and polishing up those riding skills, you are forced to play the game "Pothole Hopscotch". Sometimes you win, and sometimes you lose. If you find yourself on the losing edge of a big pothole, make sure you take a good look at your bike for damage and if something doesn't feel right, stop riding it and have the bike looked at by a qualified mechanic. A pothole can easily do some serious damage to a motorcycle. The repair costs can really add up and if you happen to have a crash due to the pothole, well it goes without saying, the medical costs could rise extremely quick as well. If you have collision insurance, you will most likely be covered. Most insurance companies look at pothole damage as a "Single Vehicle Accident" and you can file a claim for the repairs/ medical in the same ways as an accident. You will have to pay your deductible and most insurance companies will enter this claim on your insurance claim history, which may affect your insurance rates. Going after the city, town or state in charge of the road maintenance to cover the costs of the damages is a long shot at best. Trying to prove that a municipality knew about the pothole and failed to address it is a tough case to win in court.

So as always, keep your eyes up, look for a safe way out (or around) at all times, and enjoy dancing the "Pothole Tango" during the Wisconsin Pothole Season. Soon it will be Hot & Humid, and Pea-Gravel Season.

Ride Safe!!

Dan Stammen
Safety Officer



"Our trip is 100 miles, but dodging potholes actually adds another 80 miles"

FLAT ROCKER TO START

This year's Flat Rocker Challenge will be unveiled at the April chapter meeting.

As in the past, you will have 6 months to get to as many destinations as you can. This year's Flat Rocker goes from April 16th to October 15, 2024. All materials needed for the challenge will be available after the meeting.

Editor's favorite photo for this time of year



ROCK WISCONSIN

-Carl Samppala

Hello Rock River Chapter!

If you're like me, the nice weather we've been having has really gotten you wanting to ride.

Rock Wisconsin shares that feeling and we can't wait to get going with our rides!

We've teased you with information on the Windy 9 and the Hodag Rides at the February Chapter meeting and we hope you're planning to ride with us.

The March Chapter meeting will be sign-up time for these two rides and we'll have information if you want to 'Ride Like a Pirate' in July.

April and May will have information on the International Crane Ride and then the Rock the Rivers.

So, hopefully you've gotten your calendars marked, your trusty Harley ready and limbered up, because we're going to do some riding!

See you on the road!

Carl

H.O.G Update?

Remember it's time to get your mileage checked and logged if you have not already done so. Depending on weather and your courage to ride to the chapter meeting, we will be able to get that recorded and entered for you. You just need your bike so we can record the VIN and your H.O.G card for the number. If you ride 2-up, make sure to have both H.O.G numbers.

2024 ROCK WISCONSIN RIDES				
Ride	Dates	Info Distributed at Chapter Mtg.	Sign Ups begin at Chapter Mtg.	
Windy 9	May 18-26	Feb	March	April
Hodag Ride	June 21-23	Feb	March	April
Ride Like a Pirate	July 12-14	March	April	May
Ride to the International Crane Federation + Pizza Farm	August 3-5	April	May	June
Rock the Rivers	Sept 6-8	May	June	July



50/50



Shout out to John and Cindy Patrick for helping out at the March Chapter meeting. This month's 50/50 ticket sellers will be Dawn Pollock and Janet Garvey. Thank you, ladies!

We need one more person to sell tickets at the May meeting. If you arrive early and would like to help, please see me or sign up at table with raffle drum.

Theresa

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HOME COMING FESTIVAL IS COMING!

Be sure to come to this month's meeting if you need help with signing up for volunteer positions! Whitney, Erica and Abri will be there to help and answer any questions you may have!

UPCOMING EVENTS!!

April 27th Sound Off Saturday
11 am - 3 pm

May 18th Bikes, Blessings & The
VFW

Ride starts at New Berlin VFW
17980 Beloit Rd New Berlin WI
53146

Registration starts at 10 am
KSU 11 am

May 25th Honor Celebration
Registration starts at 9 am
KSU 10:15 am

Registration forms will be available online and in store for both rides starting next week!

*Summer is
coming.....!*

*Here's a taste of what
we have planned for
2024!*

MAY

**5/18 BIKES, BLESSINGS AND THE VFW
5/25 HONOR CELEBRATION**

JUNE

**6/1 CVMA 45-6 5TH ANNUAL VET'S RIDE
6/15 RIDE FOR VETERANS BENEFITING WI
HERO OUTDOORS
6/22 RIDE FOR VETERANS & DAWGS &
HAWGS RIDES
6/26 BIKE NIGHT**

JULY

**7/13 FIRE & IRON BURN CAMP RIDE
7/25-28 HOMECOMING FESTIVAL**

AUGUST

**8/3 WAUKESHA SHERIFFS K-9 RIDE
8/17 CARPENTER'S UNION RIDE
8/21 BIKE NIGHT
8/24 CRUISIN FOR CAMPERS RIDE
8/30 & 8/31 THE NOT RALLY RALLY**

SEPTEMBER

**9/7 MEDAL OF HONOR RIDE
9/14 RIDE FOR RECOVERY
9/18 BIKE NIGHT**

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