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# FROM THE DIRECTOR



## Ken Kessenich

Happy New Year! Welcome to Rock River Chapter 2023. Have you made any New Year's resolutions?

With the first of the year now here I'm thinking of all the "firsts" for 2023.

**First ride of the season!** I do have my bike stored in my garage on a lift with the battery tender on and fuel stabilizer in a full tank. I cannot wait to drop the lift and fire it up when the temperature reaches 50°. Of course, I will wait until a few good rains (not California rain) wash the salt off the roads.

**First Rock Wisconsin Ride!** One of my resolutions is to ride more, enjoy meeting and riding with more chapter members, and look for new opportunities to enrich our riding and non-riding season (Check out Date Night!). I'm starting to pack for a chapter trip to Cancun in early February.

**First Calendar?** I noticed last year that sometimes the calendar could be confusing. We are trying to have one source of truth for general information, and we are using the website calendar. If you are new or don't recall how to access it, use the website <https://www.rockriverhog.com/> and if prompted to login use the login: rockriver, and the password: rrc3276. You will find all meetings listed, all chapter rides listed and as details of staging and KSU are finalized, they will be there too, all dealership events, all rally events, and anything special that does not fit in the above categories. Check it out now!

**First Road Captain Ride!** Last year the Road Captains did an amazing job of supporting all the dealership rides and offered a few chapter day rides. This year you can look for more day ride opportunities from our Road Captains. Whether it is a great spot they love and want to share with you or maybe string together a few Flat Rocker stops you will have a relaxed, somewhat twisty, safe ride with them.

**Thursday Riders!** I'm excited to now have Thursdays off, and I look forward to exploring great roads, good breakfast/lunch stops, and sharing the time and the roads. (Check the calendar soon for details)

**Meet the Dealership!** Each month starting in February there will be a dealership representative joining our chapter meeting. Each month a different WI HD department member will join us during the social hour and briefly speak about things about your bike or what is going on at the dealership. Let's get to know them better and be able to say a more meaningful "hello" when we see them. I know Leslie has been busy filling the calendar with awesome experiences for all of us to enjoy.

As this is my first article as your director, I wish you a happy, healthy, and safe pre, post, and of course full riding season. See you at staging!

# FROM YOUR SAFETY OFFICER

Have you ever thought of learning how to work on your own bike? Even if it is just basic maintenance like an oil change, a brake job, a battery swap or maybe some new bars? All you need is the desire to learn. First thing I recommend is to get the Factory Service Manual for your bike. If the parts manual is a separate book, buy that as well. Always remember to practice shop safety! Wear safety glasses when needed and protect your skin from harsh chemicals. Here are a few more tips.

- Look to see if there are any videos on YouTube of what you are going to try and do. People post everything on YouTube. A visual education before you start is always helpful.
- Make sure you have enough time for the task at hand so you don't feel rushed or stressed. Rushing through a job leads to mistakes and forgotten "little details."
- Take pictures as you go. That phone can be your savior if you forgot how something looked before you took it apart.
- Use the proper tools!! Using the wrong tool can cause injury, damage the motorcycle, and it may cost you more money in the end. (Hint- Buy the torque wrench)
- Always be aware of what you have done to the bike and what it can effect. Example- if you changed the hand grips, make sure all your handle bar switches still work?
- If you feel frustrated, Walk away. Take a break. It always goes easier when you are calm.

Just take it slow, ask questions, do some research and double check your work. Working on your own motorcycle can give you great satisfaction. Be sure to acknowledge your limits, push those limits a little at a time, and learn as you go. Before you know it, you will be building that dream bike you've always wanted, all on your own.

Never Quit Learning.

Have Fun and Ride Safe.

Dan Stammen

# ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

Happy New Year! Where is spring? OMG it's still 69 days (March 20<sup>th</sup>) away! As we start the New Year there are a lot of exciting rides and events already on the calendar and many other things in the works. If you are a new member check out the calendar. I'm sure you will find enough things to keep you on your bikes for as much or as little as you may want to ride. Now is the time to sit in front of the fireplace with a hot beverage and plan a trip or look for destinations to ride to on your bike.

Hope to see you at the next chapter meeting!

Jim "Muddy" Waters

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## 50/50 UPDATES

Our raffle ticket sellers for 2022 did an awesome job helping the chapter pay for the hall and giving money away to our members at each meeting.

We've had a lot of familiar faces selling tickets and some new ones too. We are looking for more members to help out again this year. It will only take an hour of your time and you will be able to meet and talk with people that you have not yet met 😊

Candy Parr and Dawn Makowski (filling in for Malkin Wallace) were able to get a little socializing while selling tickets during the December meeting. Thank you, ladies.

For the **January** meeting look for **Dawn Makowski** and **Michelle Mather** for your raffle tickets.

Volunteer raffle ticket sellers for **February** are **Malkin Wallace** and **Marianne Modl**.

Thank you all in advance for your time.

The sign-up sheet for March through December is open, please consider one hour of your time for 2023. Sign up sheet is located next to the raffle drum.

See you at the meeting,

Theresa



# ROCK WISCONSIN

Hello Rock River Chapter!

Your Rock Wisconsin Committee has our third meeting under our belt.

You can see from the list on the right we have a full schedule ahead of us. This is in addition to the other rides our Road Captains are planning as well as dealer events.

Some updates to note:

- We couldn't make the Road Rally work, so in its place we have the 'Dream Ride', June 9-11. If we plan it, will you ride'?
- Mark your calendar for '3 Rings and Many Wings', coming your way September 9-10. This ride promises to be as much fun as a barrel (roll) full of monkeys!

-Carl Samppala

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## UNDERWATER FUN

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to SCUBA dive? Our chapter has secured a fantastic deal from Underwater Connection, <https://uwconnection.com/courses/discover-scuba>, for you to learn safety basics and then be trained and use full SCUBA gear in a warm pool. Starting in the shallows to get comfortable and if you would like to go the "deep" (12 ft.) end instructors will safely guide you there. The normal cost of this is \$75, but if we have enough "divers" the cost will only be \$45 and we can have our own group. It's a great opportunity to try out something new in a safe, shallow environment. Date, time and signup next month.



**No, silly, not THIS...**



**THIS!**

2023 ROCK WISCONSIN RIDES				
Ride	Dates	Info Distributed at Chapter Mtg.	Deposits taken at Chapter Mtg.	
Dream Ride	June 9-11	Mar 21	Apr 18	May 16
North Dakota group	June 16-19	May 16	N/A	N/A
Mackinac Island, MI	July 28-31	May 16	June 20	July 11
Apostle Islands II	Aug 11-14	May 16	June 20	July 11
Driftless Dry	Aug. 25-27	June 20	July 18	Aug 15
3 Rings and Many Wings	Sept 9-10	June 20	July 18	Aug 15



# ABATE 1F - WAUKESHA

Happy New Year! There's a possibility 4 months from now we could be riding. That's always a plus. But did you ever think that the fuel you use might not be available? Some of us are so attached to our bikes we keep them for ages. And some have classic's (perhaps from their fathers or grandfathers) that they still like riding to a Bike Show or Bike Night. But there is problem brewing. Our government is pushing E15 down our throats. They are making the Motorcycle Manufacturers produce internal combustion engines that run on E15. Well, older and classic bikes will have a problem with it. E15 will affect their fuel systems - so a lot of classic bikes will be trailer Queens, never to be ridden again.

This year at our Lobby Day in Madison we are fighting for legislation to be passed that we will always have the proper fuel available for our types of bikes. This is why we need a great showing this year.

Politicians know they need our votes to stay in office. So if we can fill the Capital with motorcycle enthusiasts that will send a message that "we mean business"! Ok I had to say that!

So please consider joining us on March 21st. We will have busses available to transport you to Madison. And don't worry you will be back in time for the Chapter meeting.

I will have more info once we confirm time and place. Thank You.

Bob "BuellBob" Slowinski

# CHECK THIS OUT

H-D historic Milwaukee Headquarter site to be repurposed.

**Facts about H-D headquarters:** "The first section of the campus was constructed in 1910, according to the Wisconsin Historical Society. Additions were built in 1912, 1913 and 1966. The complex, which started as a factory, has served as Harley-Davidson's corporate headquarters since at least the mid-1900s. The company ceased manufacturing there in 1973, according to the Harley-Davidson website."

Read the entire article online. Milwaukee Business Journal 1/11/2023 article by Rich Kirchen

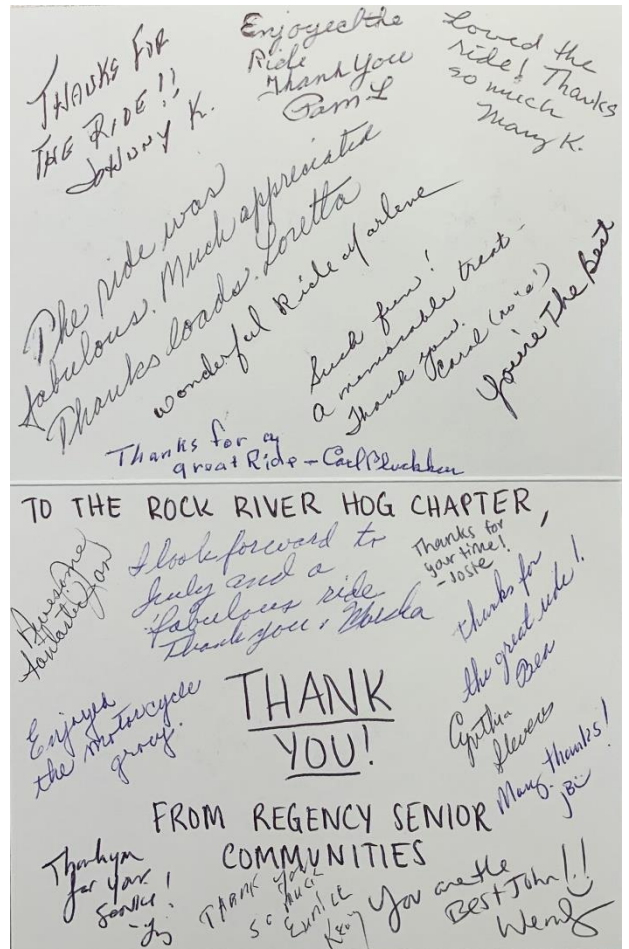
# FROM H.O.G.

## 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](#).

# THANK YOU, ROCK RIVER



# UPCOMING QUARTER EVENTS

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## JANUARY 2023 at a glance:

January 14, 2023 Chili cook off at the dealership

January 17, 2023 Chapter meeting at the Ingleside

January 20, 2023 Holiday party at the Ingleside

## FEBRUARY 2023 at a glance:

February 14, 2023 5:00PM RRC – Rock WI meeting

6:00PM RRC – Board meeting

7:00PM RRC – Road Captains meeting - Tyre

February 21, 2023 7:00PM – Chapter meeting at the Ingleside

February 25, 2023 9:00AM – Accident Scene Management class

February 26, 2023 9:00AM – Accident Scene Management – Advanced class

## MARCH 2023 at a glance:

March 14, 2023 5:00PM RRC – Rock WI meeting

6:00PM RRC – Board meeting

7:00PM RRC – Road Captains meeting