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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dawn “Firecracker” Makowski



As you'll recall, last month I spotted robins in my front yard. After a conversation with Lori Kessenich I decided to do a little research. We often associate the coming of spring when we see robins. Obviously, seeing robins in February is a sign of something else. What I found is that robins don't necessarily fly south. Many, if in flocks, will stay as long as there is a food source such as fruits and berries. They work together to protect one another from predators (they don't do a very good job at that when it comes to my dogs) and find food for each other. Over the past few weeks our trees have been quiet, but there is life as the dogs say so. We've been diligent in our efforts to keep the dogs off the trees and away from our winter friends, but it will be a challenge as they become more active. Thanks to Lori for the dried mealworms that will provide food until their natural food resource becomes more abundant.

In addition to being a hunter, Bear (our big dog), also loves the sound of motorcycles. This is especially true if he hears one roaring down the road and he's missing one of his humans. He's not afraid of the sound and attributes it to us returning home. You see, he has a love/hate relationship with motorcycles. He knows that we're going to leave him to go riding and that's the part he hates...but he loves it even more when we return home. Dogs and human have a connection when it comes to a free spirit. There's a sign on my desk with a common saying that reads "Only a biker knows why a dog sticks his head out a car window". While our dog absolutely loves to do this, he might draw the line if I tried to put him in a side car. If he could get past the initial "wtf" his jowls would flop and he would happily share his drool with everyone riding behind him.

We're now past the February blues and with Mother Nature throwing us a couple of weather teasers, the excitement of getting on the road is building up. I've marked my "must do rides" on my calendar, how about you? Schedule your spring maintenance and get your ride ready. I feel an early riding season upon us!

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Our first event is coming up soon. It's a biker swap meet! It will be held on **April 3 from 10am to 2pm**, with set up at 8:30. It's free to attend and open to the public. For those who want to rent a table to sell your "motorcycle related items," the cost is \$20 for chapter members and \$30 for non-chapter members. We will only have 20-25 tables available for rent so get yours before we open it up to the public. We will have a sign-up sheet at the chapter meeting, but if you can't attend the meeting, please contact Tim Droster to reserve your table. Email Tim at timmer_2002@yahoo.com, or call or text to 920.253.9857.

Don't have enough to sell? You can still help by volunteering to help cook and sell pizza, check in, or sell 50/50 raffle tickets. If we can get enough volunteers, it will only be a 2hr shift; then you can browse lots of good buys on some merchandise because we all know you can never have too much motorcycle gear!

See you then,

Timmer

REMINDERS FROM HOG

Quick thoughts as the weather warms, the snow melts, and the salt is washed away.

- Consider getting involved in the Ride 365 programs for 2021. To learn more click [here](#).
 - 50 Rides One Nation
 - 10 Rides for 2021
 - Dealer Check-Ins challenges
- Get those mileage readings as early in the riding season as possible, several during the riding season and as late in your riding season as possible.

ROCK WISCONSIN

We are three months out from our first Chapter Ride of the season! GREAT LAKES SEMI-CIRCLE TOUR - Get a flyer with details at the chapter meeting. Sign up and reserve your spot at the April chapter meeting. See the website for dates of all of our rides this spring, summer and fall.

FLAT ROCKER is BACK!!

Be at our April chapter meeting to learn about and collect the needed information and start the fun competition. NEW destinations and a new prize distribution system for 2021.

PRE-RIDING SEASON

SAFETY TIPS

BY: J.T. Greenwald
Safety Officer

Hello Rockers!

With the beginning of a spring thaw after an unusually harsh February, many of you have been thinking about getting out and stretching your legs apart on our favorite two wheel machines. I hear you with being anxious, but let's be sure to make it the first of many rides and not a quick beginning and end to the season. I am going to list a few things you should consider before making that first short or long run of the season.

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

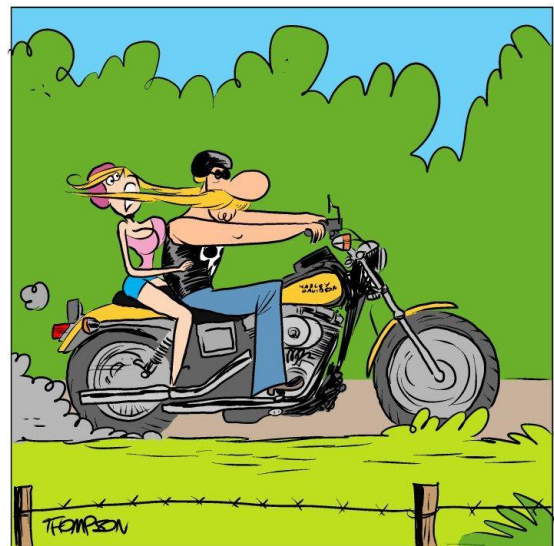
Secondly, make sure you give your bike a good look over. Check the tires for pressure, cracks, bulges and of course how does that tread look? Traction is even more crucial this time of year. Also check your fluid levels and look for potential fuel or other fluid leaks.

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 as they may have been moved during storage. Be sure to check your brakes and make sure they are firm.

Fourthly, be aware of changing road conditions. In Wisconsin, pot holes 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!



"I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT
GETTING YOUR MUSTACHE TRIMMED."

TRAVEL TALES

BY: Carl “Soaring Eagle” Samppala
Chapter Historian

Hello again, fellow Rockers. I hope you enjoyed last month’s installment. We’re one month closer to getting out there and one month closer to your ‘Travel Tales’. With that in mind, I thought I’d pick up where we left off last time.

After the National Eagle Center, our next stop was the ‘Pearl of the Lake’, in Lake City, for their sunset cruise. We had a relaxing evening on the water and managed to perfectly time it and see the sun setting to the west, while at same time, a full moon was rising in the east.

Sunday found us headed north toward Ashland. We found one of the round-about the Wisconsin DOT is so proud of and as we entered it, I mis-read the sign and instead of going right, started to go straight. I swore into the intercom about missing my turn, but Kitty calmly pointed out-‘Just go around’. So, we went around and as I came around, there’s my sweep just entering. Boy, to see the look on his face as well as the driver in the truck that was following him!

After spending the night in Ashland, we traveled to Bayfield and took the Apostle Islands boat tour. We took a ‘3 hour tour’-Beautiful scenery and a lovely day. Lunch at Maggie’s and we’re on the road again to Silver Bay, where we spent Monday night.

Tuesday found us entering Canada. If you’ve heard me talk about this, then you’ll know we did not experience ‘Canada Dry’. In planning this trip, I had heard the views were better when going west to east. Unfortunately, weather also goes west to east. We would ride into the rain, ride in the rain and about the time we’d ride out of it, it was time for a stop. The rain would catch and pass us. Soak, rinse, repeat! Also, the Canadian road builders decided this would be a good time to re-surface the road and we spent the day riding on gravel. When we got home, I had people asking me about my Harley off-road bike.



From the Soo, the ride home. There’s a lot more I can share and maybe we can in the future, but now, it’s your turn! Let’s hear your Travel Tales!

Thank you, Carl, for continuing your story with us. But he’s right you know, now it’s time for chapter members to begin sharing their travel adventures – roads traveled, unexpected gems that were found, a crazy sighting, lessons learned, etc. I look forward to having some come my way for the next newsletter! – Lori

SHINY SIDE UP

BY: Candy “Sunshine” Parr
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Hello Fellow Rockers!

I want to introduce RR to “**Shiny Side Up**” (SSU) with a more positive name change from the former “Biker Down”. This is where we can show support, respect, and encouragement or cheer on our fellow Rock River HOG Chapter members and family for their milestone celebrations and other life events such as an *illness, accident or death*. This would be done by sending a card, text, email, good vibes, prayers, dates/location of a funeral or fundraiser for their memory or honor. You too can be part of the “*Kindness Squad*”. So, if you hear of any news where we need to support our RR family (aka friend+family=FRamily); please contact me at the email listed in our newsletter under the Rock Leaders.

“Let’s encourage one another, as life is too short not to enjoy & support our RR family”

As we see our RR chapter grow, I look forward to serving on the RR Officers board under HD HOG Hospitality and as a chapter ambassador. Let’s “make a difference” and Rock in 2021!

Shine on! Be Kind! Shiny Side up!

HILLSBORO RIDE STILL HAS SPACE AVAILABLE

SPECIFICS:

DATES: Friday June 18th – Sunday June 20th

STILL REMAINING: 5 Double Queen Suites AT \$104.43 per day (tax included)

TO BOOK: Call 608-489-3000 and say you are part of “Rock River HOG Chapter”.

AFTER BOOKING: Please notify Dennis and Jean Lynner at 414-614-9770 or Dennis.lynner@magnetek.com so they can notify you of any changes, etc.



CHAPTER MEETING REMINDER

Reminder that our March chapter meeting will be held at the **Ingleside Hotel** located at 2810 Golf Rd in Pewaukee, in the Woodland Meeting room (just outside the restaurant & bar). Enter the main entrance facing south this is the closest parking lot to the west.



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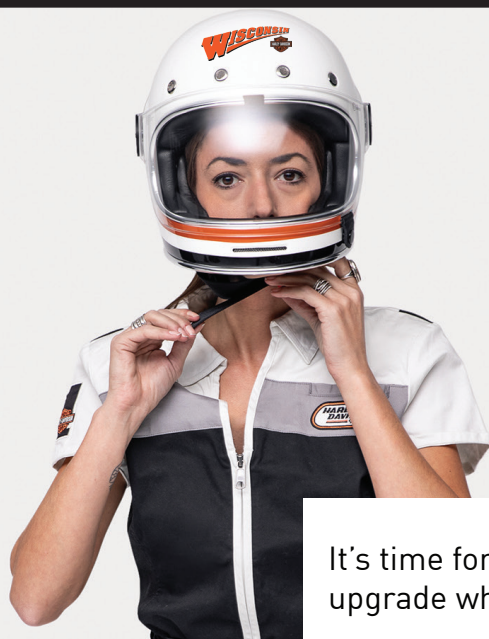
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Spring Thaw

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INSIDE THE DEALERSHIP FROM 10AM-2PM

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OUR
VETERANS



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