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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dawn “Firecracker” Makowski

Hello Fellow Rockers,



November signals the coming of the holiday season and a time when we give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. In my opinion we should do this every day. The struggles and loss over the past two years are real, there's no denying that. As we exit out of another challenging year and embark on a new one, may we remember to be kind, uplifting and patient. I am excited for 2022. Our chapter continues to grow and we have amazing rides and events. You are “Rockers” because you rock!

I want to say thank you to everyone who signed up for the blood drive. I was very disappointed and sorry that we had to cancel, but the worker shortage challenges can be found in all industries. I hope you have been able to locate a blood drive to participate in. Your donations are very much needed and truly appreciated

November is also a special month because we give thanks to all veterans. Did you know Veterans Day started as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919, celebrating the first anniversary of the end of World War I, “the eleventh hour, eleventh day and eleventh month” and didn't become a national holiday until 1938. Then in 1954 November 11th became Veterans Day, commemorating veterans of all wars. Thank you to all our chapter members and their families who are currently serving or have served our country and thank you to your families.

Reminder our next chapter meeting is Tuesday, November 23rd. We will have a special speaker and will be meeting inside the hotel in the Woodland room. The Pavilion is being decorated for Christmas and it is not available during the holidays. This room worked out very nicely for the October meeting and we're looking into the space for meetings in 2022.

See you soon,

Dawn

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

Membership enrollment began in October and runs through December 31st. The cost is \$20 if you enroll during that time and \$30 if you enroll after January 1, 2022. 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! Thank you.

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

– Carl Samppala

Anniversaries:

Gena & Patrick Laabs-2 years

New members:

left - right : Patti Pearson, Sean Stephenson, Stephanie Merics, Brenda Reid, Frank VanDusen



SAVE THOSE TABS!

Ronald McDonald House needs your pop tabs. Since 2000 they've raised over \$375,000. We will have a collection container at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson in the customer lounge area. Thanks to Janet Sam for offering to transfer the container on Tab Toss Day. Let's test Janet's muscles and fill that container to the rim!

Want to learn more <https://rmhc-easternwi.org/how-to-help/pop-tabs/>

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

Secretary position remains open. Jean would like to spend more time participating on the Rock Wisconsin committee and remain on as a Rock River Road Captain. In this exciting role you would take notes at meetings (chapter meeting and board meetings), submit notes to board members and assist with membership and collection of waivers as needed. Products position has been filled by Jodi Politowski from the dealership. This is perfect fit with her role at the dealership. Thank you Jodi!

Raffle ticket sellers: Who's ready to sell 50/50? Please see Theresa Leto at the beginning of any chapter meeting and refer to the article below.

Road Captains: Road Captains meet the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson. If you like to ride and ride with others...then you'll love joining this amazing group of Rockers. Want to learn more about it? Feel free to drop in on a meeting and/or connect with a current Road Captain for more information.



Thank you in advance to Dwight and Virginia Lehman who have volunteered to help with the raffle tickets for the November chapter meeting. We currently have volunteers through January but we could use two more to help with December just in case it's a larger group. If you are interested in mingling and having a few laughs all while helping the chapter please see Dawn or Theresa Leto before the start of the November meeting.

NAVIGATION 101 and 102



Getting you ready for the 2022 riding season, these sessions will teach/assist you in using navigation possibilities on your bike.

- Navigation 101 – Tuesday March 1, 2022
 - Explore the Harley Ride Planner app, plan a route, adjust waypoints, save the ride and load it onto a Harley Davidson Boom system.
- Navigation 102 – Tuesday April 5, 2022
 - 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 clearer, and then export it for your Harley Davidson or a Garmin.

Sessions will be held from 6:00pm to 7:00pm-ish at the dealership.

ROCK WISCONSIN

Riding Season 2022 has some amazing opportunities for you. Below is a list of what the committee is planning. They are NOT in any order at this time and we DON'T have dates, but the destinations are set and we plan to have dates for you in the December newsletter.

- Frank Lloyd Wright, House on the Rock, Spring Green
- Lake Michigan semi-Circle Tour II (the other half!)
- Eau Claire and the Driftless Area
- Apostle Islands
- Following the Wisconsin River

FLAT ROCKER PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Prizes will be awarded for all participants in this year's Flat Rocker at the **December chapter meeting**.

HOLIDAY PARTY UPDATE!

WHERE: GOLDEN MAST

WHEN: JANUARY 22, 2022

5:30PM Cocktails (cash bar) and appetizers
6:30PM Buffet dinner

Juke box Bingo and dancing after dinner. Prizes and gifts too!

Sign up is at the November and December chapter meetings so don't delay.

\$35.00 members

\$55 non-members (or \$20 to join for the 2022 membership, then pay \$35)

TIP PROCEEDS TO WAUKESHA K9 UNIT

Volunteers Needed - Gift Wrapping

December 11th (12:30-4:30pm)
December 18th (9:30-3:30pm)
2 hour shifts.

Email Dawn Makowski at dawn.makowski@wishd.com or see me at the November chapter meeting



RIVER CRUISE

A wonderful afternoon was had by all which started out with some entertaining bridge shenanigans; then the boat got underway with bright sun and a clear blue sky for a great cruise with lots of history learned along the way. Thank you to Tim and Kris Droester for organizing this event.



BIKES AND TRIKES

Happily the fall colors still cooperated for this ride. A bit brisk out but a clear sunny day found the group on twisty roads to a stop at Brain Freeze ice cream shop in Whitewater. Then it was more good roads back to the dealership. Thank you Dwight and Virginia for taking the reins on this.



Christmas Clearing Council
of Waukesha County

Register now to volunteer at The Ingleside Hotel Country Christmas Illuminated Walking Nights, Nov. 19-21. Thanks to the generosity of the hotel, CCC will receive \$2 from each ticket sold. Volunteers are requested between 4:30-9 p.m. each day to help CCC and the community jumpstart the holidays. Experience the famous Christmas lights for free, while helping patrons navigate the festive path. Make it a date, bring a friend or come by yourself and enjoy the outdoors at this one-of-a-kind event. To volunteer, you must be 18 or older, or 14 and older if accompanied by an adult. On-site training is offered. Thank you for helping us make Christmas brighter county.

<https://www.christmasclearingcouncil.org/volunteer>

H.O.G. NEWS

Ride 365 Chapter Mileage Challenge

Make sure to have your mileage recorded at the dealership or at the next warm chapter meeting so that your miles for 2021 will count for YOU and the chapter. Keep in mind when you fire up in spring to again have your mileage entered for the start of 2022. You would think your ending mileage could just be carried over to be your starting mileage, but it does not work that way!!



Ride 365's 10 Ride Destinations for 2022 have been announced:

- Standin' On the Corner Park, Winslow, AZ
- World's Only Corn Palace, Mitchell, SD
- Geographic Center of the Contiguous U.S., Lebanon, KS
- Waving Girl Statue, Savannah, GA
- Ouechee Gorge, Ouechee, VT
- Snake River Canyon, Twin Falls, ID
- Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox Statues, Bemidji, MN
- Mammoth Cave National Park, Mammoth Cave, KY
- Red Rock Canyon, Las Vegas, NV
- Official Midpoint Route 66, Adrian, TX

H.O.G Touring Rallies

- Run to the Sun Touring Rally, March 1-4, Virginia Beach, VA to St. Augustine, FL
- Spring Heat in Arizona Touring Rally, April 2-5, Lancaster, CA to Scottsdale, AZ
- Big Trees of California Touring Rally, May 31-June 5, Bakersfield to Eureka, CA
- A Gem of a Ride Touring Rally, June 16-21, Boise, ID to Lindon, UT
- Grand Museum Touring Rally, July 5-14 Birmingham, AL to Milwaukee, WI
- Lake Superior Touring Rally, July 25-29, Marquette, MI to Marquette, MI
- Bay, Lakes, & Mountains Touring Rally, Aug. 15-19, Annapolis, MD to Lebanon, NH

- West Meets East 25th Anniversary Posse Touring Rally, Sept 4-16, Lynwood, WA to St. Augustine, FL.

H.O.G. Regional Rallies

- Cajun Country H.O.G. Rally, April 7-9, Scott, LA
- Kicking It in Cody H.O.G. Rally, June 23-25, Cody, WY
- Chesapeake Freedom & Spirit H.O.G. Rally, June 23-25, Solomons Island, MD
- Iron Adventure H.O.G. Rally, July 14-16, Ludlow, VT
- **Mid-America H.O.G. Rally, July 21-23, Dubuque, IA** –** See brief description below**
- Southeast H.O.G. Rally, Sept. 27- Oct. 1, Maryville, TN

Hotel Julien Dubuque is excited to welcome H.O.G members to the **First Ever Regional Mid-American H.O.G. Rally** presenting Hollywood Dubuque. Stops for riders will include sites that have made it on the big screen or have been part of some Hollywood history. For details click [here](#).

Find out more about all these events by logging into your Harley Owners Group account <https://www.harley-davidson.com/us/en/content/hog.html>

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARE

Please be sure to check out the next page for information regarding this very important initiative for our deployed troops.

CALENDAR NOTE

The next calendar to be found in the newsletter will be in the January 2022 edition as the remaining dates for this year can be found on the dealership page or on the dealership's website.

Lake Country Classical Academy's Liberty Leaders Club is proud to announce:



OPERATION: CHRISTMAS CARE

Do you know someone (family, friend, neighbor) serving in the military who won't be home this Christmas...?

 *Please contact us by Nov 22nd to have your hero included in this year's Christmas Care mission!*

- Shari Leibly (VFW Post 2260) 262-853-5623 ronandshari19@hotmail.com	- Holly Buchwald (LCCA Liberty Leaders) 262-993-1335 holly.buchwald20@gmail.com
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In partnership with Oconomowoc's VFW Post 2260, the Liberty Leaders will be making and sending care packages to deployed men and women bravely serving our Country over the Christmas season.

- ✪ **Do you know someone** – *family, friend, neighbor* – who is serving in the military and won't be home this Christmas? Please contact Shari or Holly to have them included in this year's Christmas Care mission!

- ✪ **Would you help us gather needed items?** We will be collecting donations at both LCCA campuses + the VFW from Nov 8th – Nov 23rd (look for donation boxes by the main doors) Check the back of this flyer for ideas of items needed and a link to our sign-up genius. Alternatively, if you'd like to make a monetary donation, it costs about \$50 to sponsor/fill a box.

- ✪ **Could you sponsor the cost of shipping?** It is our goal to send as many Christmas Care packages as possible to deployed troops from our communities...perhaps you could consider a monetary donation to help cover shipping costs? A donation of \$20 would help us cover one box!

Together we can bring joy to the brave men and women serving our Country away from home this Christmas. The first step to launch Operation Christmas Care is to gather names to start our list...and, yes, we'll check it twice!

Please contact us no later than Nov 22nd to have your heroes included in Operation Christmas Care!

- **Shari Leibly** (VFW Post 2260)
262-853-5623 | ronandshari19@hotmail.com

- **Holly Buchwald** (LCCA Liberty Leaders)
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Please bring donations to any of the following sites by Nov. 23rd:

- Lake Country Classical Academy [East] N50W35057 Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc
- Lake Country Classical Academy [West] 818 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc
- VFW Post 2260: 830 E Wisconsin Ave, Oconomowoc

Please keep in mind these items will be going to our troops who are sacrificing and bravely serving our Country over the Christmas Season....name brand or higher end items are really appreciated (please try to stay away from generic). Buying items in bulk is also greatly appreciated. In the past, the VFW has also facilitated things like sending an entire gaming station (council, controllers, games, etc) to an aircraft carrier where the entire ship benefited from such a generous gift. If you have ideas or resources like that, please get a hold of Shari or Holly (contact info on the front of the flyer).

Below you will find items needed to create Christmas Care boxes; feel free to add a personal touch or items that you think would be appreciated by our troops that may not be on the list!

Shampoo (high end)	DVD's	Toothpaste (name brand)
Sunflower/Pumpkin Seeds	Hot Chocolate Mix	Dice, Card Decks, Card Games
Body Wash	Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)	Cough Drops
WI Cheese & Sausage	Tea Bags	Icy Hot
Deodorant (nice)	Books	Christmas CD's & DVD's
Antacid Tablets	Vicks Vapo-Rub	Puzzle Books
Candy (not chocolate)	Beef Jerky	Magazines
Trail Mix	Lip Balm	Baby Wipes
Gum	Nuts	Candy Canes
Lens Cleaning Clothes	Protein Bars	Eye Drops
Good Quality Socks	Cheese Whiz	Energy Bars
Advil or Tylenol	Instant Oatmeal	Sunscreen
Dental Floss	Nutella	Hot Sauce
Disposable Razors	Band-Aids	Foot Powder
Powdered Gatorade/Drink Mix	Journal/Stationary	Savory Snacks (Combos, ect)

Deflated Footballs, Soccer Balls, (with hand air pump), Hacky Sacks, Frizbees, etc

\$50 monetary donation to sponsor/fill 1 box

\$20 monetary donation to cover the cost of shipping 1 box

Sign-Up Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA5AD29AAFDC52-lcca>

thank you

WISCONSIN



Winter storage is now full!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 26TH BLACK FRIDAY EVENT
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

NOV. 27TH DOGS FOR DOGS
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
RECEIVE A HOT DOG, CHIPS & SODA WITH A
DONATION TO THE WAUKESHA K-9 UNIT

DEC. 4TH PICS WITH SANTA
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

DEC. 11TH CUSTOMER APPRECIATION
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

DEC. 18TH HOLIDAY BAZAAR - 1ST ANNUAL
LOCAL VENDORS EVENT
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

DEC. 4TH IS THE
OCONOMOWOC PARADE WE
WOULD LIKE TO INVITE
ANYONE TO WALK OR RIDE
WITH US THAT DAY. LINE
UP WILL BE AT 4:30 PM AT
THE DEALERSHIP. WEATHER
PERMITTING WE WILL RIDE
OUR MOTORCYCLES IF NOT
WE WILL WALK THE PARADE.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!

