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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ken Kessenich

Transitions - by definition they are a period of change from one state or condition to another. I'm experiencing many of them and realize that I need to try to make the best of each.

On the simple side, the days are getting much shorter with my mornings being dark and the darkness of evening coming seemingly even quicker.

Last weekend I volunteered to spend 2 days "up north" near Lakewood, WI working on my son's property. Stump grinding, dropping 5 trees all 18" in diameter or bigger (maple, birch, and beech) then clearing all the brush, cutting the trunks to firewood size and moving all the cut wood to a pile to be split later. This reminds me I need to change and sharpen my chainsaw blade. By Saturday evening I knew exactly how old I am; however, the changes in colors of the deciduous trees were spectacular.

Did you know that the Florida Keys and the Everglades only have 2 seasons a year? Wet and dry. But boy are those transitions extreme. Right now, as you can imagine, with all the news of the hurricanes this is their wet season. Once during the wet season my family took a vacation to the Keys and the Everglades. I highly recommend NEVER doing that! The mosquito population was incredible. You needed a head net, long sleeves and pants to hike. When we got to our hotel room we gave our kids rolled up newspaper and told they had to kill 100 mosquitoes before they could have dinner. Dry season is the time to go, less bugs and the alligators and water birds are all clumped together.

We are lucky in our chapter to have volunteers, Road Captains this time, who planned, pre-rode, led and swept the 2024 Colorama ride. Great roads, views and friends made this one more activity for us to enjoy as the fall change is upon us.

Sadly, I called WISHD the other day and made arrangements for maintenance and storage for our motorcycle. Nope I don't plan to take it in until cities are ready to throw the salt down, but it is another signal that our riding season is coming to a close (except for those lucky chapter members who move their bikes and themselves down south for the winter season).

Happily, spring will follow the Wisconsin winter. Our bike will have fresh fluids and I plan to transition to a new helmet. I remember hearing from Dan, our great safety officer, that helmets really only last for 3-5 years. I'm way overdue.



Lastly, I want to thank all the volunteers we have had this year, I know I'll miss a few, so sorry, but Rock Wisconsin, Road Captains, Board members, event planners, 50/50 sellers, and all of you who give your time to help our meeting and dealership events.

As we transition to new leadership, we need new members serving in those positions. Please consider filling a role in our chapter to make it even stronger in 2025.

Embracing change,

Ken

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

Time to renew your membership is quickly upon us. If you want to renew at a chapter meeting, you can begin to do so at the **November** meeting. You may also do so at the dealership.

\$20 for returning members

\$30 after January 31, 2025

Please remember to print clearly so emails and contact information will be sure to recorded correctly.

ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

I don't know about you, but I have had a great year 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 and every 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.

A man went ice fishing for the very first time. He cut a hole in the ice, threw in his line, and settled into fish. From out of nowhere, he heard a booming voice. "There are no fish under the ice!" it said.



The man looked around, didn't see anything, and decided to ignore the voice. He moved to another area, cut another hole, and once again tossed his line in. Again, he heard a booming voice:

"There are no fish under the ice!"

He nervously looked up and asked, "Lord? Is that you?"

"No, this is the rink manager!"

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

Jim "Muddy" Waters

OCTOBER'S MEETING NOTICES

October chapter meeting will be on:

Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Ingleside Pavilion

Social hour 6:00-7:00PM

Meeting begins at 7:00PM



FLAT ROCKER ENTRIES DUE

All Flat Rocker entries must be turned in at the October meeting. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Printed pictures on paper, actual photos or flash/thumb drives (these will be returned) are acceptable. Lori Kessenich will be at a table collecting entries.

WISCONSIN WOMEN 4 OUR TROOPS – DONATION DRIVE COLLECTION

We are gearing up for a heartwarming initiative to support our brave servicemen and women overseas. We are partnering with Wisconsin Women 4 Our Troops and organizing a donation drive at our next meeting, October 15th. We will be collecting essential items for care packages. Hear from the founders of this amazing organization as they share what they do and how our donations will directly impact our men and women currently serving. We're also collecting letters/thank you cards to our troops. Together, let's bring comfort and joy to our heroes overseas.

Please refer to the wish list page within this newsletter for items to bring.

HOLIDAY HOEDOWN

SADDLE UP PEOPLE AND LET'S GO!



Time to don your favorite pair of jeans, cowboy boots or hat if you have them, and let's Giddy Up for loads of fun.

WHEN: Saturday, February 1, 2025

WHERE: Elks Lodge in Waukesha

TIME: 6:00PM Arrival – Appetizers

6:45 – Dinner

10:30 – Last call for the bar

WHAT: Music, games with prizes, and just plenty of Hoedown fun!

COST: \$25 for chapter members

\$40 for non-members

Starting at the **OCTOBER** meeting, sign ups and payments will be taken. Be sure to reserve your spot early!



OPERATION SHOE BOX

Last year Ginny and I had the opportunity, with the help of so many of our friends and now our chapter members, of being able to give a gift to a child less fortunate at Wellpoint on 89th & Capital.

Wellpoint Care Network has championed the restoration of families for more than 170 years. Their approach to healing is comprehensive, from prevention and early intervention services to crisis resources.

This is very simple; you use any shoebox (do not wrap) and fill it with the suggestions from a list we will provide. We will provide gender and ages that will help you determine what to put in the box. You can spend as little or as much as you like.

We will be at the October meeting and have a table with what you may need and to answer questions. These gifts will be given to children in the metro area.

The deadline for these boxes will be at the November Chapter meeting. We will deliver at their open house tour on December 9th at 5pm. You are invited to join us.

Thank you for your continued help. Janet Sam

HELPING OUT IN A TRAGEDY

Thank you to Robert Moakley for donating to the Hurricane Helene relief effort on behalf of the dealership and our chapter.

The need is so great in North Carolina and surrounding states. If you are able, look into various legitimate charities to help or contact government agencies in North Carolina for a direct donation.

Elections are everywhere this time of year.

Please help us fill these necessary positions. Nobody does it alone. You will help to make an amazing team. Time commitment is one meeting per month on the 2nd Tuesday of the month that lasts about an hour.

The following Board positions are for a two-year term ending on December 31, 2027.

Director / Assistant director

The following Board positions are for one-year term ending on December 31, 2025.

Editor

Merchandise

Safety Officer

Sunny Side Up

Photographer

Activities

Historian

Head Road Captain

Membership

Express your interest for any (or all!) of the positions above please by emailing your intent and a brief bio to our editor, editor@rockriverhog.com. Short biographies must be to the editor no later than **November 8th**. Those running for a position will have the opportunity to briefly speak at the November chapter meeting to introduce themselves and then elections will take place.



Let's get it in Gear!

I spend a lot of my time listening to Pod Casts while working in my garage or doing yard work. Mostly motorcycle related topics from all different corners of the motorcycle culture. One topic caught my ear the other day and it was about the importance of riding gear. This pod cast talked about a website called "[Rock The Gear](https://rockthegear.wordpress.com/)" <https://rockthegear.wordpress.com/> . It was created by a girl named Brittany Marrow, who in 2005 at the age of 20 yrs old was involved in a motorcycle accident where she fell off the back of a motorcycle at Interstate speeds and slid down the road for 500 feet. She was unfortunately not wearing any riding gear except a Helmet (which most likely saved her life). She spent 2 months in the hospital and endured 9 surgeries for 2nd and 3rd degree road rash burns. Many of her injuries were very severe and extremely painful.

Brittany uses the website and travels to many motorcycle events to share her story to help people understand the importance of wearing the proper riding gear. We as kids have all fallen and skinned our knees or elbows. Remember how painful that was? If you really think back to that incident, I'll bet your knees or elbows slid along the pavement for maybe a few inches... Can you imagine 500 ft? or even 50 ft?? Brittany's story is worth listening to! I invite you to check out this YouTube video of her presentation from a few years back at this link

<https://youtu.be/Uz748Q4tkGo?si=i2mLzJf4BlevQSb> .

Today's motorcycle riding gear has numerous options and styles to fit nearly everyone's taste and type of riding. Winter is just around the corner and the down time from riding can be a good time to do some research and maybe a little shopping around either online or at your local motorcycle clothing shops. Hopefully you can find a new favorite jacket or pair of riding jeans with some Kevlar in them to protect your hinder if you ever find yourself sliding around the curve instead of riding around it. Get your A** in Gear this off season. You'll be glad you did if you ever accidentally need it.

Ride Safe!!

Dan Stammen

ROCK WISCONSIN UPDATE

The Rock Wisconsin Committee will start meeting again beginning in November. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 5:00PM. Please consider joining us to make the upcoming riding season memorable for our chapter.



Brunch Ride 9-29-2024





DONATION DRIVE



WISH LIST




Collection Tuesday, October 22nd – Chapter Meeting:
Female Hygiene Products; Puzzle books; Noodle Bowls;
Handheld Games; Protein Bars; Small Bags of Nuts and Trail
Mix (1.5 oz); Large Sized Body Wipes (Dude or Arm &
Hammer); Black Work Socks (high quality moisture-wicking);
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COSTUME CONTEST, COLORING CONTEST FOR KIDS, TRUNK
OR TREAT IN BIKES AND A SPECIAL TREAT FOR THE ADULTS
NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH - BLACK & ORANGE WEEKEND**

BOO!



**DEC. 14TH PICS WITH SANTA
DEC. 21ST VENDOR MARKET & GIFT WRAPPING**

**BE SURE TO WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AS WE HAVE
SOME PRETTY COOL TREATS ALL MONTH LONG!**



REMINDER



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR GIFT
WRAPPING FOR DEC. 21ST
TIMES NEEDED WITH TWO PEOPLE**

**FOR EACH SLOT:
10 AM - 12 PM
12 PM - 2 PM**

2 PM - 4 PM (3 PM-4PM CLEANUP)

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