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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ken Kessenich

Formations - Rocks, Rivers, and Riders all have their own formations and add to the beauty around us.



When we ride around Wisconsin it is so easy to see fantastic rock formations. Riding by Mill Bluff state park the buttes and mesas rise 80 to over 200 feet; however,

if you hiked this trail 15,000 years ago, you would have needed some scuba gear. They looked like islands in a sea of glacial meltwaters. These sandstones were formed much earlier as beaches and sea bottoms 600 million years ago.

Devil's Lake is closer to the oldest rocks in Wisconsin forming about 1.6 billion years ago, again under a warm ocean climate. Have you ridden through the park? If you did you rode over the ancient path of the Wisconsin river which flowed through here until the glaciers receded and plugged the path.



This past weekend on the Rock Wisconsin ride we saw the mighty Mississippi River. Looking out from Granddad's bluff in LaCrosse, it was hard to imagine that this river once flowed over all of the valley from ridge to ridge. Again, a forceful power of water powered by glacial melt.



Enough about ancient history, let's look at the present and the great formations we create. On the many rides we have completed over the years riding together, one thing that stands out to me and others not from our chapter, is our riding formation. When visitors join one of our rides I frequently hear how "we" have it down with regards to safety, vision, and communication. Our staggered formation, spacing, and signaling all contribute to a safe and enjoyable ride for all. Thank You



See you at the meeting!

Ken



ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

Oh my, September is here already how can that be? The trees I noticed are starting to change colors. I love the fall with the brisk mornings and warm afternoons. Riding the back roads with all the fall colors is just the topping on the cake.

So, did you have a chance to participate in the Road Captain led Bruch Ride on August 18 to Whiskey Ranch? We had a good turn out and everyone had a good time. How about the Rock Wisconsin Ride September 6-8? I was unable to ride this one, but I heard it was very well organized, a good ride and great scenery enjoyed by all.

On September 12-15 there is the HD Fall ride, Tomahawk.

Sunday September 25th, 2024 Brunch Ride

Ok you asked, so we will be having another Road Captain Led Ride Brunch Ride on September 22nd. This 1-hour ride will take you on some scenic roads eventually ending in Waterloo. You will be having brunch at a surprise location.

09:30 - Staging at Wisconsin HD

10:00 – KSU

NOTE: NO RIDE IF RAINING

Saturday October 5th, 2024

Mark your Calendars for Fall Fest at Wisconsin Harley Davidson. Join us Saturday October 5th for the Annual Fall Fest and the 2nd Annul Colorama Ride benefiting the Oconomowoc Food Pantry. Bring 2 canned goods and receive a free raffle ticket for a HUGE raffle basket. The Pantry is looking for: soup – canned fruit – peanut butter – cereal – Mac& Cheese.

The Colorama Ride will be going to Jug's in West Bend then back to Wisconsin H-D!

Ride Staging starts at 8:30am – Groups will be leaving at 9am / 9:30am / 10am / 10:30am

And now for a couple of jokes I was not able to tell on the trip:

As I suspected, someone has been adding soil to my garden. The plot thickens.

As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field. But hay, it's in my jeans.



See you on the road or at the Chapter Meeting.

Jim "Muddy" Waters

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

By: Carl Samppala

New Members:

Dan Girard

Tim Graffin

Joelle Millonzi

Duane Roehl

Bill Dahlby

Susan Fischer



New member Susan Fischer with Director Len Kessenich

Anniversaries:

5 Year:

Dennis Lynner

Jean Lynner

15 Year:

Kirk Carlson

IMPORTANT UPCOMING NEWS AND DATES

At the September Chapter Meeting:

You can get your mileage checked at the September meeting. Your bike must be present. See Leslie to let her know to check it.

50/50

Kim Jalalian and Candy Parr did an awesome job selling tickets for the August Chapter meeting.

On Tuesday you will want to keep an eye out for Rob Fehl and Tracey Iverson for your lucky tickets.

October, we have Candy Parr helping out again. We could use one more person to help Candy with tickets for the October meeting.



We need help!!



November and December do not have any volunteers to help with tickets.

FLAT ROCKER

ALL Flat Rocker entries are due at the chapter meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. NO EXCEPTIONS! You can turn them in as printed pictures, multiple pictures on a page, on a flash drive (which will be returned) or you can send them in a folder on Google Drive to lkessenich@gmail.com. Prizes will be awarded at the December chapter meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

Time to set aside **Friday, February 1, 2025** for the chapter holiday party.

Time for a HOLIDAY HOEDOWN!

Silent Auction coming at November chapter meeting

Just a tease of the few items available to bid on.

- Leather vest signed by ALL of the DAVIDSONS
- Sena Motorcycle Bluetooth Communication System
- Framed prints

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR

The following Board positions are for one year terms ending on December 31st:

Editor
Safety Officer
Photographer
Historian
Membership
Head Road Captain
Activities
Sunny Side Up
Merchandise

The following Board positions are for two year terms ending on December 31st:

Director / Assistant director

If you are interested in running for any of the positions above please email your intent and a brief bio to our editor. Those running for a position will have the opportunity to speak at the November chapter meeting to introduce themselves and then elections will take place.

ROCK WISCONSIN

-Carl Samppala

Hello Rock River Chapter!

As you read this, our last ride of the 2024 Riding Season, 'Rock the Rivers Ride', will be in the books. Kitty and I were not able to join this one, but from what I've heard it was a great ride! Hats off to the team that put it together!

So, did you have a favorite ride? Was there some destination you really loved? Or was it just the fact you got to ride with friends? If you were able to ride ALL 5, you have put 4,000 miles on your trusty Iron Horse.

While we're on the subject of mileage, remember to have your ending mileage recorded. The staff at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson is just the place to have that done. When last I checked, the Rock River HOG Chapter was closing in on 120,000 miles. As we near the end of the riding season, I'm sure that will increase, as riders have their mileage read. Why should you enter? Well, it can send some \$\$ in your direction:

1,000 MILES = 1,000 POINTS | 2,500
MILES = 1,500 POINTS
5,000 MILES = 2,500 POINTS | 7,500
MILES = 2,500 POINTS
10,000 MILES = 2,500 POINTS
| 15,000 MILES = 5,000 POINTS

And, what do those points mean? If you get the full 15,000 miles, that's \$150.00 in Harley-Davidson Rewards! While the annual contest runs until December 31, 2024, don't put off getting that reading. There are a limited number of rewards points available (nationwide) and as the end of the riding season approaches, more and more riders will be getting their mileage entered and claiming the rewards.

In closing, a big THANK YOU to the Rock Wisconsin Committee members who have put together a fabulous set of rides this year. Your efforts have

been outstanding! Another THANK YOU to all of you who were able to participate in at least one of our rides. We've gotten many compliments and that really makes it worthwhile. Please consider joining us next year. We meet the second Tuesdays of the month at Wisconsin Harley-Davidson. If you have ideas or suggestions for routes, destinations, etc., please feel free to pass them along.

See you on the road!

Carl

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

Membership renewal enrollment will begin in November. Sign up is at the dealership or at a chapter meeting. Please print legibly on all forms – especially on those email addresses! Thank you.



"NO I'M NOT GOING TO WRITE YOU A TICKET, I JUST WANTED A BETTER LOOK AT YOUR BIKE."

The Riding Season is Wearing Me Out!

Wow, how time flies! Summer riding is nearly done and my favorite time to ride is upon us. Fall riding is a great time of year to ride. While checking the air pressures in my tires I have noticed the tread depth on my rear tire to be getting less and less. Tire wear can be easily overlooked especially if you don't get down there and take a close look once in a while. The Dunlop tires I run on my Street Glide have an easy-to-see wear indicator on the tread for me to quickly see if the tire has reached the recommended wear limits. **(See Pics)** The wear indicator is located in the middle of the tread and its location on the tire is marked with an arrow and the Dunlop logo located on the side walls. Another way to check your tread depth is with a penny. If you put Abe Lincoln into the tread headfirst and you can see all the hair on his head, that means there is approx. 2 mm of tread left and it is time to change the tire. Also check the manufacture date of the tire. If it is 5-6 years old, it is also time to change the tire. Tire compounds become hard and offer less grip as they age. The date code is also on the side wall and is a 4-digit number. **(See Pic)** The first two numbers are the week of the year, and the second two numbers are the year of manufacture. In this picture, the tire was manufactured during the 44th week of 2020.



Be sure to get down and take a close look at those tires. If you are unsure of what you are looking at, then stop by Wisconsin Harley and ask a technician to take a quick look. Better to be sure you have good tires than to put yourself at risk of an incident. You have a lot riding on them!!

Ride Safe everyone!!

Dan Stammen

ROCK THE RIVERS



On Friday morning September 6th, 40 of us bundled up and were ready for the ride. We

divided into groups of 3 and spent the day meandering the Rock River thru Wisconsin and Illinois.

We ended the day in Moline, everyone unpacked, grabbed some dinner and most of us gathered to watch the Packers play, but we don't need to go into details on that.

Saturday was another cold start but by the end of the day many layers were shed. The 3 groups enjoyed riding some beautiful roads along the Mississippi River. We stopped for a buffet lunch at Breitbach's Country Dining in Balltown, IA, everyone walked away full. From there most of us went on the Cassville Ferry, which took us from nowhere Iowa across the Mississippi River to Cassville, WI on the oldest ferry still in operation in Wisconsin. Those who did not want to ride the 2 mile gravel road to get there enjoyed a drive and views at Pike Peak State park. Then the groups visited 2 Flat Rocker stops in Prairie Du Chein and the final stop for the day was at Skinny Dips (ice cream) in Lansing, IA. We landed at the EconoLodge in LaCrosse for the night. On Sunday, the groups started out by visiting Grand Dad's Bluff in LaCrosse and rode thru the Kickapoo valley and the newly paved Wildcat Mountain the final stop was in Baraboo for a Flat Rocker stop.

Many thanks to the team who spearheaded this ride – Denise and Jim Wasilewski, Tom Downing and Ken Kessenich. Thanks also need to be given to the Road Captains who stepped up to help – Tim Droster, Rob Fehl, Jim Micale, Mark Leopfe and Tom Greco.





Rock River HOG Chapter Rallies for Our Troops:

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 October chapter meeting to collect essential items for care packages. The founders of the organization will be at our October chapter meeting to share more about their history, mission, and how our donations will directly impact our men and women currently serving.

Let's show our support for those who sacrifice so much for our freedom. Your generosity can bring a piece of home to our troops serving far from their loved ones. Together, we can bring comfort and joy to our heroes overseas.

Wish List:

Female hygiene products (maxi pads and tampons)
Puzzle books (crossword, sudoku, word search)
Noodle bowls
Handheld games
Protein bars (Clif, Pure Protein, Quest)
Small bags of nuts
Large-sized body wipes
High-quality moisture-wicking black work socks
Gillette Mach3 Razors
Gillette Venus Razors



If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 414-640-6002.

Thanks,
Dawn Makowski

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SEPTEMBER

**Be sure to get as much riding in as you can while the weather is still nice!
With October fast approaching our season is coming to an end for our
outside events but that won't stop us from moving the fun inside! Check
out our plans for the next couple of months and mark those calendars!**

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND - PROJECT 22 MKE RIDE

8:30 AM STAGING 9 AM KSU

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH - FALL FEST & COLORAMA RIDE

NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH - BLACK & ORANGE WEEKEND

**DON'T WORRY WE'VE GOT MORE IN THE WORKS
SO BE SURE TO WATCH OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**

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then when your ready bring it in!**

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FREE storage - Some restrictions do apply see advisros for details**

thank you

**SPECIAL THANKS FOR ALL THAT CAME TO SUPPORT OUR NOT RALLY RALLY!
IT WAS A GREAT TWO DAYS AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO DO IT AGAIN!**