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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dawn "Firecracker" Makowski

Fall is here and that means that there is change in the air. The temperature will be cooling, and leaves will be falling.

There is still time for more riding and taking in our beautiful state, specifically the changing of the landscape colors. As we wind down, I want to thank and give a huge shout out to the Rock Wisconsin Committee and all our Road Captains. We truly are blessed to have amazing members who work very hard for all of us! I couldn't participate in every ride, but the ones I did were full of awesome roads, best riding buddies, laughter, and memories. Again, thank you!

As we reflect and celebrate on a fabulous riding season, we're also focused on the future. It's hard to believe that two years have passed since I started as director. Time flies when you're having fun! I truly have enjoyed this role, getting to know many of you better and being a part of a great HOG chapter. My most memorable meeting is with the famous Jonathon announcing our last raffle ticket winner for the meeting. Right behind that is the jokes, some funny, some not so much. A few people come to mind.

The opportunities to be a part of this growing family is knocking on your door. We will have the following positions open beginning January 2023, Director, Assistant Director, Membership, Photographer, Editor, Historian, Safety, and Webmaster. The Director and Assistant Director are two year terms and are elected positions. The remaining six positions are one year terms and the people currently serving in those roles are willing to return. If you are interested and/or have questions about a specific role, please reach out to Ken, Leslie, myself or any board member.

The Director's article continues on the next page ...



What will the election process look like? If you are interested, please send us a short bio that tells the membership a little about yourself and how you'd like to serve the membership. We will run these in the October newsletter to allow members to get to know a little more about you. In November, if there is more than one person interested in a specific position, we'll have the membership vote. I'll be honest, it's not my favorite way to ask for volunteers and it can be very intimidating. But the rewards of working with other members for the chapter outweigh a little awkwardness. We are looking at changing this process a little, but that will be for the incoming board to decide.

Reminder, our next chapter meeting is Tuesday, September 20th at The Ingleside Hotel with social hour at 6pm and meeting at 7pm. Watch for an eblast with the room location.

Dawn

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DESK

Membership enrollment will begin 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, 2023. 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

New Members announced at August 2022 Chapter Meeting:

July Anniversaries:

2 Years

Ellen Wollin

5 Years

Charles Juneau

August Anniversaries:

2 Years

Bob Woods

RAFFLE TICKET SELLERS NEEDED FOR FUTURE CHAPTER MEETINGS

We need a few people to sell our 50/50 tickets for the November and December chapter meetings.

If you have an hour available before the chapter meeting and would like to help, see Theresa at the September meeting to sign up.

John and Cindy Patrick will be selling tickets at the September meeting. Janet Sam and Dawn Tolson will take care of the October meeting.



Thank you for your time!

FLAT ROCKER UPDATE

Everyone has approximately one month left to get pictures for the Flat Rocker stops.

Please note, though, that the deadline for submission is at the October chapter meeting, which is **October 18, 2022**. If you have completed your quest ahead of time, feel free to bring your information to the September chapter meeting. Turn ins will also be accepted at the Dealership, attn: Lori K., by EOB October 18.

You can submit your accomplishments by printing pictures on paper (multiples on a page is fine as long as we can distinguish where you were); placing pictures on the template provided and printing that; getting prints made at a Walgreens, or the like, or handing in a flash drive. Be assured all will be returned to you.

Please do NOT send these through emails as the files get to be extremely large and are cumbersome to sort through.

FINAL DEADLINE: OCTOBER 18, 2022

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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, 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 Harley Hometown Rally? I did and I have to say this year the rally was exceptionally organized and enjoyed by all. Hats off to everyone involved. You did a fantastic job.

I had a chance to go on the Driftless Area ride this last weekend. Very well organized, great hotel and a great group of people attended. Mother Nature decided we needed to catch up on the monthly rain amounts so it was decided on an early termination of the ride. We rode back as a group considering the conditions and keeping everyone safe it was the right decision to be made. Watch for this exact ride on next year's schedule. It is a good one.

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



ROAD CAPTAIN LED DAY RIDE

Flat Rocker Stops 13, 10, 42 (and possibly more on your own).

- Saturday, September 24, 2022
- Stage Kwik Trip 971 just south from the Moreland Rd exit on I-94 - 8:30, KSU 9AM
- No Interstate highways are used in this ride (but you could get home faster if you do!)
- **Leg 1:** Up to Green Bay collecting stops 13, 10, and 42 – 120 miles and 3 hours of seat time plus breaks!
- **Leg 2 Option 1:** Up to you, if you travel south on the west side of Lake Winnebago you could easily hit 4, 39, 34, 26, 35, 2 and then 15 in Fond du Lac
- **Leg 2 Option 2:** Road Captain route along Lake MI – 147 mi. and 4 hours of riding plus breaks.

Of course – Weather Dependent

RIDE FREE, INDEED!

The **Thursday Free Riders**, a non-RR HOG riding group of retired or otherwise available peeps, took a longer than usual lunch ride to *Bob's Bitchin' Barbeque* in Dodgeville August 18, 2022. And then paused at the iconic Don Q Inn for this photo. How did that plane get there? Thanks to Mark Castonguay for the setup & for road captaining this one. The TFR meet at WHD service lounge Thursdays at 9:00AM and figure out where to go of breakfast or lunch...with a continued ride to ice cream.



ROCK WISCONSIN

All of our planned rides for the 2022 riding season have come to conclusion. Thank you to all of you who joined us and made each ride a memorable experience.

One last favor please! The committee is forming a survey to help guide the planning of our 2023 rides. This survey will come out in October and we hope that **ALL** chapter members will participate. Information gathered will be evaluated at the Rock Wisconsin committee meeting in November.

Join US!! – The committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month November – September from 5 to 6PM. We work together and plan great riding experiences for our chapter. If you can contribute by helping with any of the following there is a place for you on our committee: plan a ride, make hotel reservations, plan meals, plan routes, lead or sweep a ride (you don't have to do them all even just one helps the team).

MILEAGE CHECK



If your riding season has come to a close, Ken and Dawn will be available after the October chapter meeting to record your mileage. Let's get our chapter high up in the ranks this year!

WANT TO GET AWAY?



Mexico here we come! According to the survey that was emailed out many of you are already thinking of how to escape the winter blues. If you missed the survey and I have your attention, it's not too late to join us. A brand-new resort has been selected and dates are the week before Valentine's Day 2023 (flexible based on your schedule). Flights are also flexible based on your travel preferences. Pricing is between \$2,900 and \$3,600 depending on availability, nights of stay, room type and flights. Please email me at admin@throttletravel.com for more information and to reserve your spot.



RIDES IN REVIEW

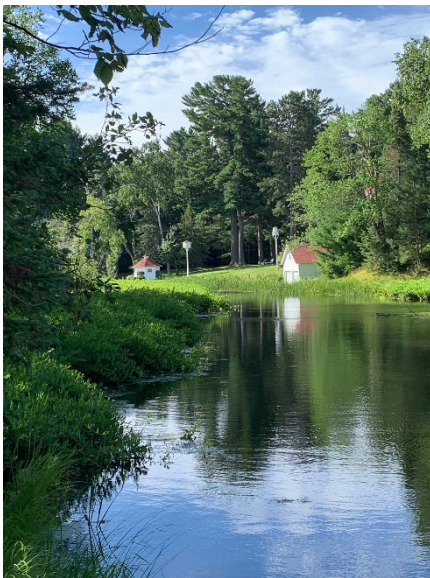
WISCONSIN RIVER RUN 2022

Approximately 30 bikes traveled from southeast Wisconsin to the headwaters of the Wisconsin River and followed the river on beautiful roads throughout the state. Nights were spent at Watersmeet, Michigan, Plover and Prairie du Chien. The headwaters was a welcome surprise as no one had been there before. Turning the corner from a large bay, the river begins its journey at the 4000 acre Lac Veieux Desert Lake. Below, Jim Micale is proudly standing by the historical marker. Another stop was at the beautifully maintained Wisconsin Fire and EMS Memorial in Wisconsin Rapids. Thank you to Greg Helgeson, Jim Micale, Stan Urbaniak and Ken Kessenich for planning this terrific 4 day ride.



LEFT: Tim Droster surveys the Lac Veieux Desert Lake.

BELOW: Statue dedicated to all the Wisconsin Fire and EMS workers who lost their lives in the line of duty.



The beautiful Wisconsin River



The 2022 River Runners

The Driftless Ride was the final Rock Wisconsin ride of the season. 20 bikes, a beautiful ride out on Friday, but then Mother Nature had other plans for the rest of the weekend. Look for this ride on next year's offerings.

BURN CAMP RIDE

Chapter members along with a host of others ride to the Burn Camp to put smiles on the faces of so many children!



Dave Doepke (left) and Lee Schmeling (right) were just a few riders making so many kids' day!



RALLY PICS FROM WISCONSIN H-D





THANK YOU! *you're the best*

HEY EVERYONE!

ANOTHER RALLY HAS COME AND GONE! ON BEHALF OF THE DEALERSHIP AND MYSELF - THANK YOU! YOUR HELP MAKES THIS RALLY POSSIBLE! WE APPRECIATE EVERY OUNCE OF HELP THAT WAS GIVEN AND CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR GIVING UP YOUR TIME TO HELP US PULL OFF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RALLY!

- LESLIE -

DEALERSHIP EVENTS

- SEPT 21ST BIKE NIGHT WITH INSANE OCTANE 6 PM - 9 PM
OCT 1ST OKTOBERFEST 11 AM - 3 PM



TO MARK THOSE CALENDARS HOMECOMING RALLY 2023 JULY 13-16

WINTER HOURS BEGIN



NEXT MONTH



OCTOBER 2ND WILL BE OUR LAST SUNDAY OPEN STARTING OCTOBER 3RD WE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAYS AND SUNDAYS UNTIL APRIL



I'LL BE ADDING SOME NEW STUFF TO THE CALENDAR IN NOVEMBER SO KEEP AN EYE OUT ON FACEBOOK OR EMAIL!

**** All dates subject to change **
(TBD) Date to be determined**

2022 Rock River HOG Chapter Calendar of Events

Updated: 09/16/2022

January			February			March		
7th	Fri	HOG Admirals Night	4-13		Datona Bike Week	8th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting
11th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	8th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	8th	Tue	Officers Meeting
11th	Tue	Officers Meeting	8th	Tue	Officers Meeting	8th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting
11th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	8th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	12th	Sat	Accident Scene Management
15th	Sat	Chili Cookoff	12th	Sat	Valentines Sip & Shop 11-3	15th	Tue	Chapter Meeting
18th	Tue	Chapter Meeting-Ingleside	15th	Tue	Chapter Meeting-Ingleside	19th	Sat	Pot o Gold Saturday
22nd	Sat	Krome Works Workshop	19th	Sat	Infotainment/Nav Workshop	19th	Sat	Navigation 101
22nd	Sat	Holiday Party - Golden Mast						
April			May			June		
Helmet Month - 20% off with trade in			Motorcycle Awareness Month			1st	Wed	Bike Night
2nd	Sat	Bikes & Brews Open House 5-9	1st	Sun	RC: Bike Blessing	4th	Sat	WI Hero Outdoors
4th	Mon	Seasonal Hours Begin - Summer!!	7th	Sat	International Female Riders Day	8th	Wed	D: Ride to Pavilion
5th	Tue	Navigation 102 - Explore Tyre	10th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	11th	Sat	Lettsew K9 Open Ride (11-4) Combat Vets Open Ride (8-10)
9th	Sat	Safety Check	10th	Tue	Officers Meeting	10-12	Fri-Sun	Rock WI: LMScT II
12th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting	10th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	14th	Tue	Rock Wisconsin Meeting
12th	Tue	Officers Meeting	11th	Wed	Bike Night	14th	Tue	Officers Meeting
12th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting	14th	Sat	D: Cookout VFW BBQ Event	14th	Tue	Road Captains Meeting
15th	Fri	RC: Pizza Ride	17th	Tue	Chapter Meeting - Ingleside	17th	Fri	Friday Night Live (6-9)
16th	Sat	Find the Egg	21-22	Sat-Sun	Brick Laying - Motorcycle Memorial	18th	Sat	D: Sign Effects Ride
19th	Tue	Chapter Meeting-Ingleside	22nd	Sun	RC: Oil Can	18th	Sat	D: WI Hero Outdoors Ride
23rd	Sat	Roadtrip Workshop	25th	Wed	D: Ride to State Fair Pavilion	17-19	Fri-Sun	Father's Day Special
			28th	Sat	D: Honor Ride to War Memorial	21st	Tue	Chapter Meeting
						23rd	Thur	D: Ride to Museum
						28th	Tue	Traveling Wall
RRC Supported Events			RRC Events			Dealership Events & Supported Rides		
D: Dealership sponsored ride			RC: Road Captain sponsored ride			RW: Rock Wisconsin sponsored ride		

