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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ken Kessenich



Family

I just came off an adventure where I saw how great family can be. I'm lucky enough to have two kids who have married, their spouses became SCUBA certified, and all want to travel with us and dive! The grandkids all came along too, but snorkeled. When we got married and had two children, I didn't think I EVER thought we would some day all be diving together.



On this trip, the experience was extended to descending to almost 90 feet, laying on the bottom of the ocean floor prone, and observing Bull Sharks come in and circle! (The guide reminded us to not kneel upright or extend a camera in the air as they would likely think that is a feeding gesture and they might - well you know.)



In Rock River we have some amazing family connections as well. I'm so happy to see them and am proud of how well you all work together. I'm very thankful to all those who volunteer so much of their time and energy. Road Captains are working hard to keep us safe by sweeping and leading by example. Dan, our safety officer, is always trying to inform us and provide us with learning opportunities and riding skills practice. The Rock Wisconsin committee is working hard to provide great new multi-day rides and our newest committee, activities, is dreaming up ways for us all to have more fun with each other. I cannot say enough about how each member of the board continues to step up and answer every call to improve our experiences.

Looking forward to more Rock River family time as the riding season begins.

ROAD CAPTAIN CORNER

As I'm writing this article (March 8) Spring will arrive in

11 days, 9 hours 14 minutes.

We can only hope that all the snow and salt is gone so we can start our riding season. *Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines!*

NOTE: Everyone if you haven't looked at the 2025 calendar on the Rock River Hog Chapter web site you need to do so, especially new members. We have a ton of rides and events planned for this riding season and the calendar will be updated each month with new rides / events.

New members:

Now is the time to start thinking about the new riding season. I can remember when I first joined the chapter, I didn't know anyone and had no one to ride with. This is your chance to pick a ride and join a group going on a planned route led by an experienced rider. I found that it was a great way to meet people and go on roads I had never been on before. I felt safer riding in a group than by myself. You will find that we have very welcoming people in this chapter, and we all want to ride safely and have a good time.

NOTE: If you ever have questions regarding an upcoming ride, please do not hesitate to talk to me or any of the Road Captains.

Upcoming rides:

April 18 Good Friday Pizza Ride.

April 26 Saturday Knock the Rust off.

I can't help myself, enjoy the following:

A poodle and a collie are walking together when the poodle suddenly unloaded on his friend. "My life is a mess," he said. "My owner is mean, my girlfriend ran away with a schnauzer, and I'm as jittery as a cat."

"Why don't you go see a psychiatrist?" asked the collie.

"I can't, replied the poodle dejectedly. "I'm not allowed on the couch."

Hope to see you at the next chapter meeting!

Jim "Muddy" Waters
Head Road Captain

GOOD FRIDAY PIZZA RIDE



By: Tim Droster

It's been a long winter, are you ready for our annual Good Friday pizza ride? It's coming up soon on April 18th. This is a road captain led event. We will meet at the dealership then leave and ride for about 1 hour 15 min to a popular pizza buffet. The cost is on your own and around \$15 per person. Pray for good weather and let's get this season off to a good start.

DETAILS:

DATE: Friday, April 18, 2025

PLACE: Wisconsin Harley - Davidson

TIMES: Staging at 10:30 AM

KSU at 11:00 AM

Ride time = approximately 1.5 hours

WHERE: Pizza Rand in Beaver Dam, WI

PLEASE NOTE: If it is raining or there is a very good chance of rain, we will not be holding the ride.

ROCK WISCONSIN

The first ride of the year is here!

MADE IN WISCONSIN

Join us on scenic roads up to and around the Hortonville area Thursday through Saturday, June 5-7.

Our comfort stops will provide the opportunity to tour of a variety of unique Only In Wisconsin locations. We are working on setting up tours now. Walk through a totally automated farm where cows milk themselves, as seen on TV's "The Bachelor" and pregame of Packers/Bears football game where they featured hometown people. Sadly, we missed The Great Midwest Alpaca Festival & the WI Alpaca & Fiber Fest, but we will take a rest stop at one of Wisconsin's Alpaca farms. Did you know Wisconsin is a world leading exporter of Ginseng? You will see how Wisconsin's climate and soil provide the perfect growing conditions. Of course, there will be a cheese store with history and samples and have you heard of a soda called Sundrop? Let's check that out too! So, there is a lot going on, and back road riding to boot. We will be staying at the same hotel both nights so no moving and reloading needed. Sign ups will be taken starting with the April chapter meeting.



Below please find a chart listing all the 2025 Rock Wisconsin rides with accompanying information.

Name of Ride	Ride Dates	Team	Deposits taken	
<i>Made in Wisconsin</i>	June 5-7 Thu-Sat	Jim M, Ken, Wayne, Timmer	4/15	5/20
<i>Where Eagles Fly</i>	July 19-21 Sat-Mon	Gary, Tom, Timmer	5/20	6/17
<i>WI Passport Tour</i>	Aug 15-17 Fri-Sun	Rob, Chris, David	6/17	7/15
<i>Crossing The Line</i>	Sept 5-7 Fri-Sun	Ken, Rob, James E	7/15	8/19

Also, please refer to the Rock Wisconsin flyer at the end of the newsletter that shows locations on the state map.

FROM OUR HISTORIAN

By: Betsy Boos

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2 years

Kirk Topel

5 years

John Kosanke

Maria Kosanke

Julie Balthazor

Don Grisler jr.

Dawn Makowski

Mark Makowski

Jim Fischer

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

5 years

Jim and Denise Wasilewski

25 years

Bob Roscoe

NEW MEMBERS

Bill Will

Carl Lange

FROM 50/50

Hello everyone, I`m Dawn Jean ,your new 50/50 coordinator .

If you need to contact me you can message me at "Mark Knackert" (that`s my husband, we share the account)

or text me at 414 416 6772.

I`d like to thank Dawn Makowski and Janet Sam for their help at the February meeting.

Please look for John and Cindy Patrick at the March meeting for your 50/50 tickets.

See you all then.

NEWS FROM ABATE

Hello Rock River members and Welcome to March. Hopefully we have seen the last of the subzero temperatures. We start the month with average highs around 37 degrees and finish the month at 51 degrees for an average. That`s great news for us chomping at the bit to ride. But, we haven`t been riding in quite a while and our skills have been slipping away. That`s why about 4 years ago we at 1F started "Knock the Rust Off."

It is a way we all can benefit and get back in the saddle with the same confidence we ended last year on. As always, it`s the last Saturday of April. That`s the 26th and we start at 9:00am and end at 12:00. Gary Klinker is MSF certified and will be setting up the course again this year and helping out with making sure you`re getting ready to ride.

The location is Fox River Church, S46 W24130 Lawnsdale Rd. Waukesha. The Wisconsin State Patrol is going to be there to answer any question you may have and give out tips to have a safe riding season. This is a FREE event but a donation is always welcome!. Hope to see you there.

Thank You

Bob "BuellBob" Slowinski.

Ready for Spring riding . . .



H.O.G Connection – March 2025

By Rob Fehl



This month I would like to let you know about all the ways you can earn loyalty points. Whether it's simply doing what we all love to do, RIDE! or spending money keeping your ride and yourself ready for that riding season!

Next month, look for instructions on how to successfully get your mileage logged in at the dealership.



Wisconsin Harley Davidson Rider Bucks

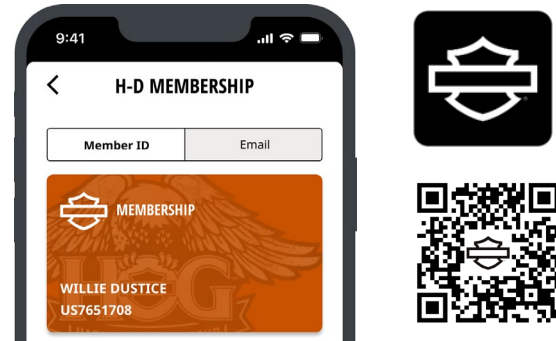
Wisconsin Harley Davidson appreciates your loyalty and wants to reward you with points for everything you do. Please talk to a sales associate to get signed up for the Rider Bucks rewards program.

- Each dollar spent on eligible parts/service/vehicle accessories is equivalent to a single reward point (service labor excluded)
- Customers must spend \$250 in order to start redeeming coupons.
- Points earned for bike purchase are capped at 1000 points.
- You even earn rewards on sale items which means sale or discounted items can earn reward points.
- Maximum points that can be earned are capped at 5000 points.
- Reward points expire annually every January 31st.
- Below is the points to coupon conversion table.

Points	Coupon Description	Money Value
250	\$25 Gift Certificate	25
500	\$50 Gift Certificate	50
750	\$75 Gift Certificate	75
1000	\$100 Gift Certificate	100
1250	\$125 Gift Certificate	125
1500	\$150 Gift Certificate	150

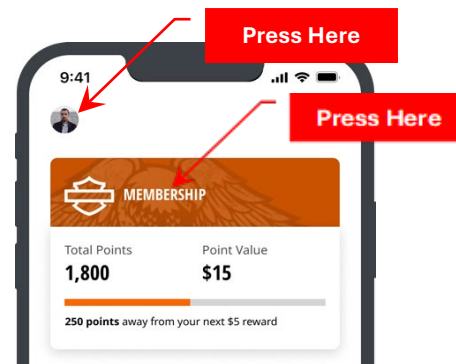
Harley Davidson Loyalty Points and Rewards

Harley Davidson also appreciates your loyalty and wants to reward you with points for everything you do.



Using the H-D.com website or the H-D app

- Scan the QR code
- If you have an existing account, enter your credentials and select Sign In.
- If you do not have an account, create an H-D.com account by selecting Sign Up to Link Your H.O.G. ID.
- Enter your information into the required fields, including your H.O.G. Member ID and select Complete Sign Up.
- If you get a "Success" message, you're all set!



How it works:

Log into your Harley Davidson App and select your account icon in the upper left corner of the screen. Then press on the orange membership card. This will show you your total points earned so far and the respective cash value.

- **RIDING REWARDS – Get points simply for riding!**
- PURCHASES – Earn 4 points per dollar spent at participating dealers and online.
- Every 500 points = \$5 voucher
- Manage your points in the H-D App.
- Redeem your points online or at participating dealers for gear, accessories, bike service, and more.

March Madness...

I just shared a walk with my wife and it is almost 60 degrees out today. By the time you read this, we may have hit nearly 70 degrees outside. When I hear the term "March Madness" I know it's about the NCAA Basketball Tournaments but I can't help but think, it is really about the weather. Super nice spring day with 70-degree temps one day, and barely above freezing with salt trucks hitting the road the next. It's enough to drive a motorcyclist MAD!

I know winter isn't done yet so that means there is still time to look into those motorcycle safety and Accident Scene Management classes. Our home dealership is going to be a busy place on Saturday April 26th with "Ride Safe Motorcycle Training Summit" from 8am-4pm where you can see presentations from Road Guardians, Gruber Law, Abate of Wisconsin and even have the chance to obtain some training by "Be Crash Free LLC". There will even be some food trucks on site if you decide to make a day of it.

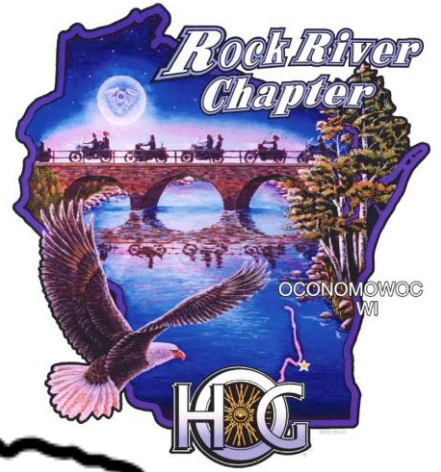
Another great event you can attend on that same day, Saturday April 26th @ 9 am is "Knock the Rust Off" put on by a local Abate Chapter out of Waukesha. This event will be held at **Fox River Christian Church located at S46W24130 Lawnsdale Rd. Waukesha**. I attended this last year and had a great time riding the course and learning from a Motorcycle Safety Foundation instructor. We also got to hear from one of our State Patrol Motor Officers, who shared some great riding tips and stories about the motorcycle training they endure. I look forward to attending again this year and hopefully do a little group ride to it from the dealership with KSU at 8 am.

Don't forget about Accident Scene Management. Many classes have filled up but they may have more coming up on the schedule here in the local area. Possibly even here at Wisconsin Harley. Check the website often because when a class hits the schedule, it fills up fast. Check the schedule at the Road Guardians website, www.roadguardians.org

Stay Calm, and THINK SPRING!!

Safety Officer

Dan Stammen



Rock Wisconsin 2025 Rides

Made In Wisconsin
June 5-7



Where Eagles Fly
July 19-21



WI Passport
Tour
Aug. 15-17



Crossing The Line Sept 5-7



Camaraderie is the spirit of friendship and community in a group, like the camaraderie of soldiers at war who keep each other upbeat despite the difficulty of their circumstances. Who is a comrade? A close friend or a fellow soldier — in other words, someone who comes to mind when you say, "We're in this together." Camaraderie is a feeling of trust, a bond created by a shared goal or experience — you don't have to be best friends with everyone in the group to know you have their support.

HELLO SPRING



**COME CELEBRATE
SPRING WITH US!
MARCH 29TH IS OUR
SPRING SEASON
OPENER
BE SURE TO RSVP FOR
YOUR GOODIES!
RSVP LINK IS ON
WWW.WISHD.COM**

APRIL 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

**APRIL 5TH
SUPERSHOX WORKSHOP
APRIL 19TH
ANNUAL EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
CARDO WORKSHOP 11 AM - 2 PM
APRIL 26TH
RIDE SAFE MOTORCYCLE TRAINING SUMMIT
PRESENTED BY ABATE OF WISCONSIN
8 AM - 4 PM**



*Mark
YOUR
Calendar*



As always be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all updates and additions to our 2025 Calendar!

