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✓ Next up was Floyd Clymer Imports in 1963. This attempt was somewhat questionable as Floyd didn't really have legitimate ownership of the Indian name. He did however produce a 50cc bike called the Pappoose and other bikes using the tried and true Royal Enfield 750cc motor as well as the 500cc Velocette motor. It ended when Mr. Clymer died in 1970 and Velocette ceased production in 1971.

✓ In 1974, California Attorney Alan Newman bought the Indian name and planned to produce Indians using heavyweight Ducati motors. Newman's company went bankrupt in 1977.

✓ Going forward through the 1980's, the Indian name passed through a succession of owners, some of which were fraught with law suits for fraud, money laundering and tax evasion. The once proud Indian name was languishing.

✓ In 1998, the Indian name was sold to Indian Motorcycle Company of America (IMCOA) and production began in 1999 in California. An 88 c.i. Evolution-style S&S motor was used as the power plant. Production ended in 2003 with bankruptcy.

✓ In 2006, London-based Stellicon Limited began building Indian motorcycles in North Carolina, again using S&S motors.

✓ In 2011, Polaris entered the picture buying the Indian name. At that time Polaris had been building Victory motorcycles. By 2013, they developed the 111 c.i. motor for the Indian and have been expanding the Indian line ever since. Recently, Polaris stopped production of Victory Motorcycles.

✓ Today the Indian line contains 16 models. They are doing well on the race track, they appear to have a good product, we're seeing more of them on the street, and Polaris appears to be financially sound. So, will the Indian Motorcycle succeed this time or will Polaris be another page in the long and storied history of the Indian name? Personally I hope they make it, competition is good.

Safe Journey, Tim

Indian's Back...But Did They Ever Go Away???

The iconic Indian motorcycle brand closed its doors in 1953. Over the past few years it has resurfaced under the Polaris banner. Polaris bought the rights to the Indian name in 2011 and has been building Indians using the 111 c.i. motor they developed...one inch larger than Harley's 110 c.i. There were other attempts in the 2000's to use the Indian name on motorcycles; some using off the shelf S&S motors. But did the manufacture and marketing of motorcycles named Indian cease from 1953 to 2000? No, not by a long shot!

Beginning right after Indian's bankruptcy in 1953, there was a long line of companies and individuals trying to revive the Indian name. Here's a brief history:

✓ In 1953, the same year Indian closed its doors, Brockhouse Engineering bought the rights to the Indian name. From 1955 to 1960, they imported slightly modified British Royal Enfield motorcycles and sold them bearing the Indian name. They had many models including a three-wheeled service car. This venture ended as it proved to be financially unviable.

✓ In 1960, AMC of the UK bought the Indian name and attempted to follow Brockhouse's idea. Instead of using Royal Enfield motorcycles, they chose to rebadge Matchless and AJ'S motorcycles - also fine British bikes. This venture didn't get off the ground. The company liquidated in 1962.



H.O.G. Hotline - 952-953-7430

For information on rides and events, check the Wild Prairie HOG Hotline or HOG Chapter web site www.wildprairiehog.com

Chapter Meeting Schedule

Second Thursday of every month at Wild Prairie Harley-Davidson. Dinner @ 6:30 pm, Meeting @ 7:00 pm

LOH® Meeting Schedule

Typically the third Tuesday of every month, location TBD. 6:30 pm



Where has the riding season gone?

As I type this I'm thinking about the rather quick drop in temperature we experienced here in the far north related to riding comfort this year. Yes, I know some don't mind riding with the temps in the 30's especially with all the great heated gear one can throw on to pretend it's warmer than it really is. I actually noticed a motorcycle on 35E near Forest Lake on Sunday, November 19, at which point I looked at my vehicle's outside temperature gauge and it told me it was 25 degrees out. That's colder than I like to ride for a number of reasons:

- ❶ Any water on the road will not be in a liquid form (ice) or, if it is liquid, it's because it is that way because of salt on the road. Most motorcycles don't enjoy either.
- ❷ When it's that cold most cage drivers are not thinking about encountering a motorcycle. If it was seventy outside would I be surprised to see a bike on the freeway? No. At twenty five degrees, I, a motorcycle rider, was shocked I saw one and did a double-take to be sure I was seeing what I saw.
- ❸ Unless you're using heated gear you have to be dressed like a mummy which can make it harder to maneuver the bike. If you're not dressed for the wind chill you'll probably be shivering which will reduce your riding concentration level.

While my wife Jeanette will ride with me with the temperatures in the fifties, she, as well as I, enjoys riding more at seventy degrees or above. The first time it was seventy or above in 2017 was May 5th. The last time it was seventy or above was October 20th. Hmm...not bad one may say. Over 5 months of temps in the seventies or above! But wait, was that really true? In 2017, there were 120 days with temperatures at 70 degrees or above. I doubt we'll see any more this year even with the so called "global warming".

When you subtract the days you can't ride such as work or other life events, not to mention days when rain makes riding less desirable, that 120 days can shrink to less and less. When the average temperature doesn't reach near 70 until May 20th, we could potentially have 182 days between seventy degree riding days. Depressing to even think about.

That's why I think it's great that the Wild Prairie HOG Chapter has such a robust riding schedule year after year. Since the riding season is really quite short, we need to take advantage of every opportunity we can to enjoy our bikes AND enjoy the relationships formed with those with similar interests. Hopefully anticipating the 1st scheduled ride, the Blessing of

the Bike's in May 2018, will help lessen the sting of no riding between now and then.

On a different note, I want to take this time to say Thank You to all the chapter members for allowing me to be the Wild Prairie HOG Chapter Assistant Director for the past 2 years. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable time and I have had a great time working with our Director, Tim Dunphy, as well as the other board members plus our sponsor, Wild Prairie Harley-Davidson. I know the chapter is in more than capable hands with Dave Sidler replacing me as the Assistant Director.



We had some great Saddle Up Saturday rides and HOG Chapter rides to close out the fall riding season:

- Rockville Memorial Ride led by Rich McKagan
- Red Wing Overlook led by Dale Duerkson
- Fall Colors around Lake Minnetonka led by Boyd Uppman

Now, with the Minnesota riding season basically behind us, riders are looking to the south to get some winter riding in. The Ride Committee has already started working on the rides for next year. We are looking at moving our focus to destination and event rides. This will give us an opportunity to do longer rides and have some fun when we arrive at our destination.

We have been neglecting some destinations in Northern Minnesota and we will be looking to remedy that. There are great rides south along the river. Wisconsin offers excellent riding.

The rides from the past we will be looking at doing again include such memorable rides as Mondovi, Balsam Lake, Fagen Fighters and Hot Harley Nights. These rides, combined with the new rides we are looking at over the winter such as Hot Sam's Antiques - Lakeville, Minnesota's Largest Candy Store - Jordan, Harken Store or Fort Ridgely - New Ulm, Forestville Mystery Cave - Lanesboro, Elmer's Auto & Toy Museum - Fountain City, WI, Babbitt Underground Mine Tour - Babbitt, Crystal Cave - Spring Valley, WI, and Greyhound Bus Museum - Hibbing, will give us an excellent agenda for next season.

We have a great crew of Road Captains who work tirelessly to bring you a fun and enjoyable ride. Please plan on joining us for a great season of riding in 2018.



*It was a great season, put on a ton of miles;
Met a lot of nice folks, now it's cold;
That sux! The End.*

On November 11th, we again celebrated Veteran's Day. For many it meant a much needed long weekend break from the work routine. For many it had a much deeper meaning.

It is a special day for those of us that served, and for those brave young people who are still laying their lives on the line each day. Forty-four years ago, I stood in a room with many other young men and women; we all raised our right hands and repeated the following:

"I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice. So help me God."

There's no way I could've understood the gravity of what that Oath of Enlistment meant when I took it. Even though I knew it meant something, I wasn't mature enough to grasp it. What I do understand is the immense sacrifice made by those in our military to ensure everyone else is protected, and how even in an America numb to the seemingly endless conflicts in foreign lands involving those in our military, we can't allow the status quo of eternal war diminish the utter selflessness and heroism exhibited by these Americans who voluntarily run into chaos.

Now 44 years later as I bid farewell to another riding season, I think back to when I took that oath and how it brought me to where I am today. I had a good friend in the service who gave me a copy of *Easyrider* magazine and my life changed! Yes I had owned a few motorcycles prior to enlisting in the Air Force in 1973, but this world of freewheeling, long haired, bearded bikers and their lifestyle was totally new to me!

A few short months later as my friend and I finished building his 1948 Harley-Davidson Panhead chopper, I was hooked! Just as soon as I could raise the money, I took the plunge. A shiny new 1975 FX Super Glide with NO electric starter! Real men kick started their bikes in those days and we looked down our noses at those who had the electric start!

Now some 42 years after my first Harley purchase, I can't imagine my life without at least one Harley in the garage. So

as I think about the sacrifices our young people have made and are currently making, I say a silent thank you to all of them for providing the freedom we as bikers hold so dear!

As the cold is setting in and the season is over, we celebrate our holidays with family and friends and raise a glass to those who have served, those currently serving, and to fallen comrades. Never forget!



We thought we'd put part of our Christmas letter this year into the Newsletter.... Do you know the song that goes:

*It's the Most Wonderful Time of the year....
With the kids jingle belling and everyone telling you "Be of good cheer"*

We don't know about your house, but our home has been a place to hear Christmas songs year round for a few years now.... Christmas IS the most wonderful time of the year! And there is a lot of JOY around here!

The song is one of our favorites, but life doesn't always feel so wonderful. We have had a challenging year. Between major transitions (especially Christy's going to college) and health concerns (Curt's parents have had a rough time) and a feline member of our family who is coming to the end of life. Not to mention the chaos on the local, national and worldwide levels. Life doesn't seem so wonderful sometimes.

But can we tell you that even in the hard times, there is JOY! And it's possible because of the gift that we were given and remember this time of the year! There is definitely JOY in the middle of chaos and trials when we have the HOPE of Christmas in our hearts year round. How amazing that the Creator of the Universe would see us individually and know that we needed Him to intervene. He sent His Son, Jesus, as the first and best Christmas gift of them all. And if we will only reach out to Him, He promises He's already reaching back and gives us JOY in the middle of whatever we're facing. And that is True Peace.

*It's the most wonderful time of the year....
There'll be much mistletoeing and hearts will be glowing when loved ones are near. IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!*

Have a blessed Christmas complete with all the Christmas JOY imaginable! Your servants in Christ,

Curt & Judi, Christy & Hannah Quiner
QuinerFamily@centurylink.net, 952-474-3600



Six years ago, my family got back into the motorcycling world. My wife and I spent a day at the state fair with our youngest son and stopped by the Harley tent. A few days later, we had our first bike. I joined the Wild Prairie HOG chapter along with my wife that next spring, and have been an active member of this amazing group for almost five years. The last 3 years I have been a primary officer serving as your chapter treasurer. I have also taken on the position of activities director and have held that position for over a year.

During my time as a member I have proudly embraced and promoted the Harley-Davidson brand. I've supported both the Wild Prairie and St Paul H-D dealerships. I've met some great people and developed many friendships along the way. As treasurer I've done my best to keep track of the chapter funds and make sure bills get paid. In my position as activities director I've had the privilege of planning a variety of activities and events for you that I hope you were able to participate in and enjoy. I also was able on numerous occasions to get Tim in a poodle skirt, a wig, and many other crazy props. I've also enjoyed bantering back and forth with him in several skits during our monthly meetings. I will always have great memories of my time with this group!

At this time due to personal reasons, I have decided to announce my resignation from the Wild Prairie HOG Chapter. I have given this decision a lot of thought and know that it's what I need to do. It's been such an honor to work with the Board of Directors here. They are committed to making your chapter one of the best HOG chapters in the Midwest. I know you are in great hands with them. It has also been my honor to serve all of you as well. I will work with Tim and the rest of the board to make this transition as seamless as possible. I hope you support the next treasurer Brenda Marriott and activities coordinator Gigi Nielsen as you supported me.

I will always remember this group. The rides we shared, charity work we've done, the knowledge you've given me, the laughs, the kindness you have shown. You will always be in my heart. You're wonderful people and I truly appreciate all the great times and wish you the best. I hope that our paths cross again down the road.

Sincerely, Jim

First and foremost, I am excited for the opportunity to be the Activities Officer again and hope there are some events on the calendar coming up that you will enjoy. The events were based on the results from the SurveyMonkey that was sent out in the Weekly Update and on Facebook. Look for details on these events in the Weekly Update!

- January 27, 6pm – Dick's Last Resort @ MOA
- February 10, 6pm - LOH/HOG Event – Minnesota Roller Girls

Most of you know me but for those of you that do not, here is quick bio. I started riding at the age of 7 or 8 on a mini bike like most kids, but I was lucky to have a friend that had a Honda Z50 CC. It was one of the coolest mini bikes at the time because you had to kick start and shift it like the big bikes...so much cooler than the automatics. Then, at the age of 11 or 12, I would borrow (wink) my brothers 360 Yamaha Enduro while he was at work and take it up in the woods and ride the hills behind our house. Even though I knew I probably shouldn't have been on it, I sure did have a lot of fun!! It wasn't until about 10 years ago that I told him about it; he had no idea!

In 1979 I bought my first bike, a little 185 Honda Twinstar, but soon sold it to raise my son. Many years later I bought my first Harley, a 2000 chrome yellow 883 Custom Sportster, it was a good bike but not what I wanted so the following year I traded it in on a 2001 chrome yellow Lowrider who most people know as "Buckaroo".



I did many trips on Buckaroo and put 122,000 miles of smiles on him. He took me to see parts of WI, IA, IL, IN, MO, AK, KY, TN, MT, UT, WY, ID, ND, SD, CO and TN. I knew eventually I was going to have to buy a different bike if I wanted to take long trips again because of the high miles.

In the fall of 2016 I stumbled upon another Buckaroo by chance, it only had 18,000 miles on it. What are the odds of finding another Buckaroo, right? I loved my bike and that is why I never wanted to buy another one until I came across this one. Yes, it is an older bike, but I love the sound of the carbureted motor. I ended up giving Buckaroo to my son and I ride Buckaroo II. 2018 is going to be a good year!



Kind Regards, Gigi



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Hi, my name is Brenda Marriott and I am your new treasurer. I have been riding for 3 years now and have absolutely enjoyed every minute with this club. As a new rider it has meant so much to me to have so many people looking out for me and helping me. This is the reason that I decided to take on the treasurer role. This is my way to give back to this great club!

Outside of riding I work at Pearson as an IT Manager. I am originally from Canada but have been in the US for 19 years. I have a wonderful husband Neil, who also rides, but not as often as I do. I have a 17 year old son Ryan and a 15 year old daughter Alana. Between riding, family and work, I'm kept pretty busy - but not too busy to help out with the chapter. I look forward to meeting more members and doing what I can to make this the best club in the Twin Cities and MN area.



Sarah's Farraha's
Ladies Of Harley
Sarah Brinkman
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Another riding season is now behind us. Although I'm saddened by this, I tell myself that we're one day closer to next riding season; that's part of my logic to help me get through the winter.

We've had several fun events with LOH over the past few months, plus a couple of cancelled rides due to inclement weather. We took a leisurely ride around Lake Minnetonka, dined at Willy McCoy's and Patron in Chaska, created winter greens floral arrangements Sailor's Greenhouse in Shakopee, and will be celebrating the holidays with LOH in December!

In October, LOH and the Wild Prairie HOG Chapter served dinner to the families at the Ronald McDonald House. Our menu was a success and we brought a few smiles to the residents. This event always makes me feel that I have helped to contribute to easing some of the pain these families face.

As always, I welcome any women who are interested in LOH to contact me. You don't have to ride your own bike; we have plenty of women who join us regularly that are passengers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope to see you in 2018!

As we crisscross this great land of ours through all the small towns and communities and backroads, we realize just how patriotic and thankful we are to our veterans for the freedoms we enjoy today. I would just like to highlight a couple of monuments and/or memorials you may run across in your travels. Take the time to stop and pay your respects, and maybe say a little prayer for those that served and those that continue to serve our great nation. God Bless the USA!



H.O.G. Chapter Ride
 Rockville, MN
 9/9/2017



Veterans who participated on the ride



Great turnout and great route by Rich!

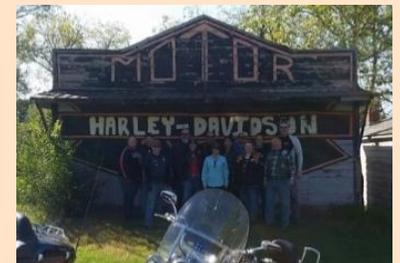


Solo Trip - 10/22/2017
 Shieldsville, MN



H.O.G. Chapter Ride - 9/23/2017
 Red Wing Overlook
 A proud veteran contemplating the beauty of the country he served

You also may see some interesting Harley-Davidson roadside attractions, created by people who enjoy the freedom and lifestyle of the brand.





Salute by Swecker
Spokesman
Kevin Swecker
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Do you have an outgoing personality? Like meeting new people? Like to laugh? Then it sounds like you already have what it takes to be a chapter spokesperson! If you're interested, please see me or any of the other spokespeople and we will help you along the journey of welcoming others to our chapter as you have been welcomed. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The Wild-Prairie HOG Chapter Officers hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving, and we wish everyone a blessed Holiday Season and Happy New Year!



WILD PRAIRIE HARLEY-DAVIDSON OPEN HOUSE:
 Saturday, December 16th



Manna From Kevin
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No update at this time.



Schulz's Pulse
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Sandberg's Sandbox
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No update at this time.

Holiday Open House
 DECEMBER 16, 2017

PICTURES WITH SANTA
 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 Pictures with Santa will be e-mailed to you the week of December 18, 2017

CRAFTS FOR KIDS
 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
 While supplies last

COOKIES & CIDER
 While supplies last

MotorClothes
20% OFF
 FUNCTIONAL OUTERWEAR AND FLANNEL SHIRTS
 Z FOR \$30 SELECT LOGOED TEES

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- BATTERY TENDER**
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 SALE \$69.95
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WILD PRAIRIE HARLEY-DAVIDSON HOLIDAY HOURS:

Saturday, December 23rd **Extended hours ** – 9am – 6pm

Sunday, Christmas Eve, December 24th – Closed

Monday, Christmas Day, December 25th – Closed

Sunday, New Year's Eve, December 31st - Closed

Monday, New Year's Day, January 1st – Closed



Davenport Antique Races/Museum ride

Labor Day Weekend – August 31 to September 2, 2017

Attendees: Tommy, Dan, Ard, Randy, Tim, Chuck and Rick

I would like to tell you about the Chapter ride to the Chief Blackhawk Antique motorcycle and Swap meet in Davenport, IA and the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA that I went to on over Labor Day weekend.

Day 1:

Tommy was the Road Captain for Dan and I. We met at the Holiday station by Wild Prairie at 8:00 am for our trip to Davenport, IA. It took 11 hours to go down the Mississippi River Scenic Byway.

Highlights: We were going through towns taking turns that didn't have signs for the Scenic Byway; Tommy really knew the route. We stopped often and had a nice lunch in a river town café.

Day 2:

We went to the fair grounds for the swap meet and flat track bike race. Some of us were thinking we would get our tickets and then go on a small ride, but we found out quickly when we entered that we could be there all day without a dull moment; there was so much to see!

Highlights: Ard surprised us by coming to the event. Us boys were walking down the aisles looking at bikes and bike parts. I told Tommy, "Here is a springer fork for one of your bikes". He walked over to it and said, "This is wrong, this is off a different bike. I could get this online for the same price." Tim, Ard, Chuck, Randy and Dan seemed to know more about these bikes than me. We saw Frank Fritz from the *American Pickers* show on TV who lives in town. The dirt flat track races were great as we were up in the stands as well as in the pits.

Day 3:

The National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA is a nonprofit showcase of old cycles. Some of the bikes we saw were the Evel Knievel X2 Rocket Bike, a 1909 Royal Pioneer, and a 1939 H-D VLD Flathead developed in 1929. This motor was the end of the inlet over exhaust "pocket valve" V-twins and the start of the "Flathead" or L-Head/side valve. There were a bunch of bikes from every era, not just Harleys, from the oldest models to some old manufacturers gone by the way side.

Highlights: Ard and Tim were my tour guides, pointing out all the bikes and the history behind them. I was glad they were

next to me while we went through the museum, except when they quizzed me on what they just told me and I couldn't answer their questions.



Summary:

I had a wonderful time getting to know motorcycle history. It was expressly nice to see the board track racing exhibit. I now know better the old Harley motors and how to identify them; I'm not good at it and I had a poster of the motors with me at all times. I would recommend this trip to anyone, it has everything for everyone.

On a side note, Tommy was going to ride Route 66 from Chicago to the west coast with only a bag and a half of supplies for a month of riding (I would have needed six bags).

Would you like to be part of the next newsletter?
Send your story along with any photos to:

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