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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



IT'S BEEN AN ENJOYABLE RIDE

My second term as the Chapter Director will end Dec. 31, 2018, and as I look back on the past four years I can't help but smile. I joined the chapter in 2010 because I had no one to ride with. Most of my old riding buddies were no longer riding for a variety of reasons, and not living too far from Wild Prairie I decided to attend a chapter meeting. I did and I liked what I heard and saw and joined immediately. Once in the chapter, I approached Chapter Director Mike Boho and told him I'd like to get more involved. He asked, "What do you bring to the table?" to which I replied "Having been involved in motorcycling in general, and in particular H-D and British brands since the 1960's, I have a fair amount of knowledge of motorcycling history and its culture and subculture". At that time, the Chapter Spokesman unit was being developed and I jumped in helping to create and lead that group.

Fast forward to 2015. After leading the Spokesman, I became the Chapter Director. Philosophically, I wanted to keep things simple and at the same time introduce some of the "old school" aspects of the motorcycle world that I experienced from the 60's through the early 90's before the H-D craze hit. I wanted to go to "action and event rides" where chapter members could experience the smell of gas and oil, dirt, noise and excitement; rides and events where we could lose

ourselves for a few hours and forget the stress of daily life; rides where we could get a taste of the "old school" biker world I knew from my earlier days in motorcycling.

We went to hill climb events in Mankato, New Ulm and Red Wing. This was all new to our members as most had never been to a hill climb before or for that matter knew what a hill climb was. We went to snowmobile water races in Grantsburg, WI and Motorized Mayhem at the old Raceway Park in Savage to see figure 8 races, a demolition derby and trailer races. I made a deal with the track that if we brought in at least 40 motorcycles they'd provide us with 5 race cars and 5 of our members could compete in an 8 lap, 2 mile race. Danese Brothen was one of the drivers and she won the race! Sam Thorne thought he could easily win the race and when he offered excuses after losing I said, "Get over it Sam...ya got beat by a girl!" HA! I think Sam's still mad at me...

There was an annual ride to the State Fair Grounds for the Antique Motorcycle Show and Swap Meet. Members could get a look at the bikes of yesteryear such as H-D, Indian, Pope, Henderson and Cleveland from the early 1900's. There were other brands from the UK, Germany, Italy and Eastern European countries as well. This was a great place to show members of the chapter examples of Harley's Flathead, Knucklehead, Panhead and Shovelhead, not to mention the pre-1929 F-Heads. It was a place to look through a window of time in the motorcycle world spanning well over 100 years.

Guest speakers have brought in old and unique bikes to chapter meetings; my favorite being Keith Peters' 1952 Indian Chief. Dale Boyenga made a presentation on the principles of the 4 stroke internal combustion engine, and I made numerous



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For additional information on rides and events, check the *Wild Prairie HOG Chapter of Eden Prairie, MN* Facebook page.

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

presentations on historical topics such as Indian's 4 cylinder engine and how H-D considered a 4 cylinder power plant but instead designed and built the iconic Knucklehead catapulting the Motor Company to success while the other American builders faltered and failed. Ard did his part with presentations on racing history and the early beginnings of the Motorcycle Club (MC) culture with the Boozefighters and the Hollister rally of 1947 which gave rise to the movie *The Wild One*.

My goal as Director was to do all the things a chapter should be doing. Charity support (Ronald McDonald House), promoting women riders (LOH), safe and fun chapter rides (Road Captains) and being responsible citizens and good representatives of our sport and our sponsoring dealer Wild Prairie Harley-Davidson. But I wanted to add a little something extra. I wanted to pass on some of the knowledge I gained through the years on motorcycle history and biker culture. I hope I was somewhat successful.

I'm stepping away from the Chapter Director role with pride and fond memories. I'm proud of this chapter and the job we've done. I'm proud to have been surrounded by great Chapter Officers who have unselfishly volunteered their time and support. And as for Wild Prairie Harley-Davidson, you could not ask for a better sponsor.

It's been a fun, rewarding and at times challenging period in my life but the relationships I've formed and the friendships I've made have been wonderful. I've gone from not having anyone to ride with to being a member of a GREAT BIG and WONDERFUL motorcycling family.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as Director of this Chapter.

Safe Journey,
Tim

(Editor: *Thank you for your passion and dedication, Tim!*)



Sarah's Farraks
Ladies Of Harley
Sarah Brinkman
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No update at this time.

(Editor: *Thank you for your service leading LOH, Sarah!*)

Election results from the November Chapter meeting:

(Officers will assume their new positions January 1st, 2019)

<u>Position</u>	<u>Officer</u>
Director	Mike Aase (unopposed)
Assistant Director	Dave Sidler (mid-term)
Treasurer	Brenda Marriott (unopposed)
Secretary	Tim Mandeville (def. Aimee Makres)
Activities	Michelle McKagan (unopposed)
LOH	Judy Hartmann (def. Diane Osborne)
Membership	Dan Bednarski (unopposed)
Head Road Captain	Rich McKagan (unopposed)
Editor	Mike Aase (unopposed)
Safety	Chris Hawver (unopposed)
Photographer	Gigi Nielsen (unopposed)
Webmaster	Dave Kane (unopposed)
Chaplain	Curt Quiner (appointed)
Spokesman	Kevin Swecker (appointed)
Historian	Open



Ard's Bard
Secretary
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My article is a short one this time.

I just want to say Thank You for the last 2 years. Thanks to all the chapter members for their participation and support of all the great rides and events. Thanks for the opportunity to get up and speak to you all about some of the history of our lifestyle and passion. Thanks for the new friendships and the fun times we've all shared together. Thanks for the chance to give back to the chapter and Ronald McDonald house.

Thanks to everyone for their support of those of us that are military veterans. Thanks to the Wild Prairie dealership staff for all the help and support of our chapter. Thanks to my fellow Board of Directors members for all their hard work and personal sacrifices that help make this chapter what it is.

And finally, thanks to the new board members for stepping up and trying to make a difference in our chapter. I have enjoyed my time as a board member and will now step aside to let others bring their energy and ideas to help make this great group even better in the coming years!

Thank you all!

(Editor: *No, Thank You Ard!*)



As I sit down to write this, I am looking back over the last two years. I want to thank all of you for your support. It has been great getting to know a lot of you better and gaining great friends along the way.

We are moving in the right direction with longer rides, fun destinations, bag lunch rides and more time doing what we love – riding. The current Road Captain crew is very strong and committed to creating great routes and memories; Hot Harley Nights, Rolling Thunder ride to the Wall, Rapidan Store, Balsam Lake, Fagan Fighters, party bus to IMS, the Tour De Colour, Lansboro and many other fun destinations. This is what riding and having fun is all about. Wait for it – you know it's coming – we could still use additional Road Captains... especially some ladies.

As my term as Head Road Captain comes to a close, I am looking forward to continuing as a Road Captain and helping with the chapter in other ways. I am confident that the rides will keep improving with interesting rides and destinations. I am leaving the rides in very capable hands, Rich McKagan has been an outstanding Road Captain and leader of Flock to Floyds. Rich will add a new spark to the program. When you see Rich say HI and thank him for taking the position and putting in the time to keep the program running.

I look forward to seeing you on the rides next summer. Take care to avoid the winter blues and if you do get riding in down south please share it with us.

(Editor: *Thanks for your service to the chapter Tom!*)



New concept being developed at a joint Harley-Davidson/John Deere Road Captain University.
Advantage: No oncoming traffic Disadvantage: Max speed 20 mph



9/08/18 – Red Wing Overlook (Dale Duerksen Lead Road Captain)



9/15/18 – Rapidan Dam Store (Mike Aase Lead Road Captain)



10/13/18 – Tour de Couleur (Boyd Uppman Lead Road Captain)



Hi Gang,
I just want to say "Thank you" for letting me hold the position of interim Activity Officer for the last year. I am glad we got some new people on the board and am excited to see what's to come. I appreciate the opportunity to still stay on as the photographer so now when you see me pointing the camera at you just say "Cheese".

Hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving and I wish you a Merry Christmas!

See you soon!

(Editor: *Thanks for serving as the Activities Officer, Gigi!*)



Justin Johnson
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Wild Prairie HOG Chapter,

I could write a ten page article, as I like to write as much as I like to talk when I get a mic in my hand, but I won't as I was instructed to keep it to a page...I'd like to start off by thanking all of you for the wonderful warm welcome at the first meeting I attended. You have no idea how much that is appreciated being new to an area. It spoke volumes about the class and character of the group, and from my perspective, is very exciting as a fellow rider and the Operating Partner here at Wild Prairie H-D.

Our goal in this new venture is pretty simple. We want to be the best in the business and serve our fellow riders better than any other dealership in the Midwest. We have a BIG vision for Wild Prairie and our excitement for this dealership is immeasurable. Quite frankly, it is in one of the most opportune areas with an incredible base of riders in the U.S., has a great group of hard working and passionate members already on the dealership team with more coming, has a great facility capable of providing excellent shopping experiences to our valued guests, and has a tremendously supportive HOG Chapter and loyal customer base that we are already very impressed with. Great recipe and VERY exciting!

I have had the good fortune in my 25 years in this business, and roughly 15+ growth and merger acquisitions, to be exposed to numerous groups and areas in the U.S. and I can honestly say that the Wild Prairie Dealership is the most exciting opportunity I have been a part of to date. It all comes back to the people, I've learned, in my tenure in this industry, and our initial experience with our staff, the loyal customer base, and the exceptional HOG Chapter tells us that our excitement for this dealership is well founded.

On a more personal note, I was blessed to marry my high school sweetheart Treana and we have two great kids Luke and Cassie. Treana helps in the Admin Dept. at St. Paul H-D, Luke is running the Motorclothes Dept. at Wild Prairie H-D, and our daughter Cassie is going to school and playing volleyball at UW-Platteville. We are originally from Iowa and we have family around Des Moines and the Minneapolis / St. Paul area. Our family grew up in the dealership environment. I love to ride my Road Glide and every day the Harley-Davidson truck drops off another shipment of new motorcycles, I feel like it's Christmas all over again.

The important thing for me to share with all of you is that our passion for Harley-Davidson, the sport of motorcycling, our fellow riders, and delivering world class customer service governs every moment of every day here at WPHD. We are working hard to take our game to the next level and will never stop trying to improve every day. As we know, Rome wasn't built in a day, but I can tell you that we have a tremendously committed team of professionals that are all on board with this direction and everyone on our team is striving toward this goal. We have already spent a lot of time and energy to make vast improvements in inventory and sales processes, and will have some future service announcements we will be offering that no one in the entire Minneapolis / St. Paul area currently offer that I strongly feel will be very welcome by all.

As I mentioned at the first meeting, and in numerous conversations with HOG Chapter members, our exciting promotion-based, price-competitive business model has been very successful for us and well received. The MVP Program, sold by the previous owners, unfortunately failed to fulfill their lifetime promise by shutting down their own program. I can honestly say how refreshing it is that our WPHD HOG Chapter really understands the true purpose of HOG Chapters and why they exist, which is to ride and have fun. Our approach to promotions and special savings events is to offer them to our active members throughout the year, and at different times as a thank you to our HOG Chapter for their loyalty and support, as well as specials never seen before by previous ownership like the 20% off Christmas shopping night we announced at the November HOG Chapter meeting.

It's been a pleasure working with the officers that understand HOG Chapters were never established to be discount clubs but were formed to promote the sport of riding Harleys and to obviously ride, have fun, and build the comradery that we all enjoy so much as fellow H-D enthusiasts. Everyone likes to save a few bucks, as we all know, but we will provide those that do business with us plenty of opportunities to do this with our business model throughout the year, plus offer exceptional service I can assure you.

We really appreciate everyone's feedback, we hope that all of you are enjoying our improvements to inventory, we sincerely hope you will all continue to bless us with the opportunity to serve you and your motorcycle needs, and we ask that if you ever see opportunities for us to improve our service that you communicate it with us in our quest to be the best in the business. We sincerely wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday season and look forward to some great rides in the spring with you all. Thank you for all of your support and loyalty!

Very truly, Justin Johnson

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




Sidler's Scribbling
Assistant Director
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Greetings, Friends!

This is most definitely a season of change. Not only with the leaves having fallen and the weather turning much colder, but much has changed around Wild Prairie Harley-Davidson as well as with our very own HOG Chapter. There are new faces working in the store. There are also some familiar faces taking on new positions and responsibilities with the chapter.

Some people adapt to change more easily than others, but like it or not, change happens. How we move forward from here will determine our future success. We have an opportunity to make things even better than they have been - and we have had it pretty good. I really respect the folks I've served on the board with so far and have enjoyed helping make sure the chapter runs smoothly. I have no doubt that will continue. We are here to serve all of you. We want to hear from you. We don't just want to hear about problems though. We want to hear suggestions and ideas for what we can do to make your experience even better than it has been. One thing will not change, however. We want to make our mission clear that we are about "Riding and Having Fun."

I wish you and your family and friends a wonderful Holiday season.



Photos With Santa!

Saturday, December 15th, 2018, 11 AM – 2 PM

Come down to Wild Prairie Harley-Davidson with the family for our annual pictures with Santa!

Snacks and drinks provided, and a kids corner to make their own ornaments.

Wild Prairie Harley-Davidson Holiday Hours:

Monday – Friday, 10 AM – 7 PM

Saturday, 9 AM – 7 PM

Sundays thru December 23rd, 11 AM – 4 PM (no vehicle sales)

Christmas Eve, Monday 12/24, 10 AM – 4 PM

Christmas Day, Tuesday 12/25, CLOSED

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

New Year's Eve, Monday 12/31, 10 AM – 4 PM

New Year's Day, Tuesday 1/1, CLOSED

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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One of the questions I've been asked as Membership Director is: Why do we have to sign in now that MVP is gone?

It's a fair question and there are two reasons:

1. Sign in sheets for rides replaces the waiver sheet fill-outs. On each membership application we include a waiver. So all you have to do for a ride is show up and sign in. It makes it a lot simpler.
2. Meeting sign in allows us to track meeting attendance. Every board meeting, Tim asks me the same thing: "How is membership?" I can tell him how many current members we have, but I also can include the number of people that attend the chapter meeting. We can then see what was successful and what was not, and hopefully see more of you at meetings.

In addition, the sign in sheet serves as a gathering point where you can see your friends, talk and complain to me, or just say hello.

So we will do membership sign in for the foreseeable future and I'll enjoy seeing and talking to all of you!

**Salute by Swecker
Spokesman
Kevin Swecker**
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We've had another awesome year of bike rides, wind therapy, friends, family and lots of fun. As the business of Thanksgiving and Christmas season approaches and we enter into the winter solstice, cherish the moments with your loved ones and be thankful for the time we have with them. Make new friends, reconnect with old ones, be a beacon of light for those that are in dark places, have hope for the hopeless, give more and receive less.

Renee and I are thankful for the Wild Prairie family that you've all become and we look forward to seeing where new adventures will lead us.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.
Be blessed and have a great day!

To those of you still riding please be safe – cars aren't expecting bikes out anymore!

We wanted to share part of our Christmas letter with you...
You know the song:

*You'd better watch out, you'd better not cry.
You'd better not pout, I'm telling you why...
Santa Claus is coming to town!*

We've probably confessed this before, but Christmas is a year-round celebration around the Quiner house. Christmas carols are sung every season! Of course, it all gets even more exciting this time of year! There's still a child-like joy that comes out of each one of us when we think about Christmas and all that it means. There are so many ways to celebrate; cutting down the tree, hearing Christmas music on the radio and in stores, malls getting decked out in reds and greens, seeing Santas all over the place...

There is so much excitement this time of year. Even in the midst of some pretty rough things going on – personally, locally and globally. And when we look at the news, it doesn't look like that's going to change. What a blessing that in spite of all that, we can have a joy deep inside that brings us peace. God knew just what we needed. Christmas is so much more than the traditions, but those traditions help build the excitement. We ARE celebrating the birth of GOD'S SON! One of our favorite Christmas decorations is a figurine of Santa kneeling before a small baby in a manger. There's so much awe in the fact that God sent His Son to earth as a humble babe. Because He knew we needed help. In the midst of life, God is there. What a comfort to know that we don't have to go it alone. He just waits for us to reach out and accept the Best Christmas gift of all. We pray that this season, you are caught up in the joy and peace and the celebration even in the midst of life. Have a Blessed Christmas! We pray for the excitement and joy of the season to wash over you, no matter what else is going on!

Your servants in Christ,
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Another chapter riding season is in the books. 2018 started slow with a wet and rainy May and finished even slower with a cool, ok cold, and snowy October and November. Many early and late season rides were cancelled due to weather. No matter whether you put on 100 miles, 1,000 miles or 10,000+ miles, we each have our own reason to own and share the passion for the Harley-Davidson brand.

We each have our own individual way of showing pride in ownership; whether it be fully customizing your motorcycle, doing a Stage motor upgrade and/or exhaust to make it sound 'just right', adding a few cosmetic items from the parts department to make it your own, leaving it bone stock, or bringing back an oldie but goodie in a full restoration project.

Some of us may clothe ourselves in the latest and greatest in motorclothes and accessories, we may decorate our homes with H-D merchandise, and we may deck out our vehicles with symbols of H-D ownership. Some of us even put our passion on display with tattoo art featuring the H-D logos and the motorcycle culture.

Maybe you've been to almost everything chapter related, or maybe you haven't participated in awhile for any number of reasons.

Each one of us, regardless of our level of experience behind bars, our knowledge of the Motor Company and its production of bikes, our participation in chapter events, our level of involvement in the chapter, our time and money spent at the dealership, and our reason for owning a Harley-Davidson; we are a part of this great Wild Prairie HOG Chapter. You are what makes this organization awesome to be a part of!

As many of you know, I will become the new Chapter Director as of January 1, 2019. I am excited about this new opportunity with the chapter and I think this is the perfect time to step into this role. There have been many changes in ownership, management and membership recently. I encourage you to take another look if you've been away for awhile. The chapter and I look forward to seeing you again!

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

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