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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Milkman's Musings

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By now you all should have received your annual membership package from HOG with your 2020 Membership Guide and new HOG patch and pin. If not, you may want to check your National HOG status to make sure it's not expired. If National is expired, then so is your Chapter membership.

In addition to the Ride Schedule and Chafed Butt Challenge our HOG Chapter creates every year, National HOG also has riding programs bundled under the Ride365 banner to help you decide where to go and what to see. Participate in as many or as few as you want. I want to make you aware of some important changes this year and going forward.

In your Membership Guide, you will see a summary of two new Destination Challenges, "10 Rides for '20" and "50 Rides One Nation". There is one carryover challenge from years past now called "Dealership Check-In" which most of us knew as the old ABCs of Touring. The Membership Guide also contains details of the "10 Rides for '20" locations. As of press time, the Ride Guide outlining the "50 Rides One Nation" locations is only found online. The rules are the same for each challenge; take a photo of you and your bike and a 2020 HOG magazine cover, Ride Guide or Membership Guide at the location and submit it using the appropriate challenge's form on H-D.COM/HOG. You will need to register for a username and password for the site. Hopefully many of you already have one.

10 Rides for '20: Each year, H-D will publish 10 new rides.

50 Rides One Nation: Ongoing year after year, each state has their own featured ride that does not change.

Dealership Check-In: Any official worldwide H-D dealership

As for the locations near us, Minnesota boasts one of the "10 Rides for '20" locations – Route 60 with a photo stop at Spring Creek Motocross Park near Millville, MN. The featured route in Minnesota for the "50 Rides One Nation" is the North Shore Scenic Drive with a photo stop at Split Rock Lighthouse Overlook. The featured route for Wisconsin is the Door County Loop with a photo stop at Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant in Sister Bay. You may even see goats grazing on the roof top.

Of course with Ride365, you can still log your mileage at the dealership for the HOG Annual, Lifetime and Chapter Challenge recognitions. New this year for Harley-Davidson VISA cardholders is that you will earn 1 point for every mile you ride in 2020 up to 50,000 miles per calendar year. Example of an average year in Minnesota, 10,000 miles = \$100 H-D gift card.

What we lost this year is that there will be no Great Lakes H.O.G. Rally in 2020. The closest HOG Rally is the *Run to the Fun H.O.G. Rally* from August 6 – 10 which starts in Milwaukee and ends at Sturgis, SD for the Sturgis Rally.

For those of you that attend our monthly Chapter Chow and Chats, we again will be reimbursing food expenses, if you choose to submit them, up to \$200/month for volunteering to prepare the food prior to the meeting. Showcase your talents!

We'll be riding soon! Come on spring!



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

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 @ 6:15 pm, Meeting @ 7:00 pm

LOH® Meeting Schedule

Typically the third Thursday of every month, location TBD @ 6:30 pm. We communicate via private email and FB accounts.



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The Chapter held our HOG Winter Party on Saturday, February 29, at Cowboy Jack's in Bloomington starting with a social time at 6pm with food being served at 7:15pm. Once again, the staff took very good care of us! The wait staff was top notch making sure everyone had plenty to drink and kept it all straight! The food was as great as last year. How could you go wrong with smoked pork and chicken, garlic mashed potatoes and gravy, Caesar salad and veggies? Of course, the Tatar Tot Hot dish was the favorite and there was nothing left! We had another great turnout as it was sold out with 80 attendees.

We had a great mix of longtime members, and we welcomed a lot of new faces to the Chapter. Since the Donnie Smith pre-party was held from 2pm-5pm prior to our event, a lot of our members attended that as well. By 4:30pm our party room was three-quarters full, so we had plenty of time to socialize and talk with those in attendance.

We decided to concentrate our efforts on authentic H-D merchandise for the prizes this year. We spent \$750.00 on items found at the dealerships. We appreciate the dealership helping us fund some of our prizes by chipping in \$300.00. We also purchased \$220.00 of HOG Merchandise to mix in with the H-D items. You too can purchase HOG Merchandise by visiting <http://www.norscothogstore.com>.

There were a few prize donations as well. Thank you Angela Bellefeuille for the men's and women's cuts and hair care products from Great Clips. Also, thank you to the anonymous donor(s) for the Igloo cooler with beer.

We brought back last year's favorite items, the H-D themed lighted glass blocks. They were silent auctioned off and the Chapter took in around \$250.00 from those bids. We really appreciate your support!

Thank you everyone that came out to support our Chapter. Hope everyone had a good time socializing with friends.

Saturday March 28

Lead Therapy is rescheduled at North Metro Range in Maple Grove at 1:30-3pm.



Spring IS coming—and it will be time to get out on the motorcycles again soon! I really like the tradition of the Biker Blessing. It is good to take time to invite the Lord to join us in our enjoyment of riding. Bear with me, but this funny story I got from the internet made me think about biker blessings.

The temporary Sunday School teacher was struggling to open a combination lock on the supply cabinet. She had been told the combination, but couldn't quite remember it. Finally she went to the pastor's study and asked for help. The pastor came into the room and began to turn the dial. After the first two numbers he paused and stared blankly for a moment. Finally he looked serenely heavenward and his lips moved silently. Then he looked back at the lock, and quickly turned to the final number, and opened the lock. The teacher was amazed. "I'm in awe at your faith, pastor," she said. "It's really nothing," he answered. "The number is on a piece of tape on the ceiling."

The pastor was not able to solve the Sunday school teacher's problem in his own power. But he did know where to look! I know that there are a lot of things going on in each and everyone's life these days—personal, local, global. And there's not much I can do about it. But I DO know the One who CAN do something—and who wants more than anything to be invited into your life so that He can walk through it all with you.

Please keep your eyes open for the Biker Blessing coming up this spring! We'd love to have you join us!

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The Spokesmen are a group of Chapter members that contact new and used bike buyers, letting them know they received a free 1-year National and Chapter HOG membership as part of the purchase, and inviting them to upcoming events. If you would be interested in joining our group, please contact me!



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We start 2020 on a sad note with the loss of one of our founding members Leroy 'Mickey' Bosak. Almost everybody knew him, he was at the dealership every weekend and when I joined, he went on quite a few of the rides.

When I took over the office of Membership Officer, I realized that he was the one updating the pin board in the dealership entry with the next month's meeting information. He was doing this so regularly and skillfully that when I nominated him for volunteer of the month, Mike Aase the Director said, "We have a pin board?" :)



Well, that continued until one board meeting we decided to not include him and give someone else a chance to step up. When I arrived for the meeting, I found him out there finishing shoveling the walk. He was done before I could offer to help. Needless to say, he was in the drawing that month. That was Mickey; he was always willing to help.

In that way, he typifies our members who are generous, giving people. Thank you, Mickey, I was richer for knowing you.

Now as for renewals it has been a busy month. You guys have been coming at me in a huge wave. Thank you, your support allows us to plan and execute activities, charitable giving and keep the Chapter running smooth. As board members, we work hard to bring value to you.

Like the rest of you, I'm counting down the days until riding season. I went to the IMS show and will go to the Donnie Smith show, but it's not the same as real riding. Let's hope that spring comes soon and there is no April/May Blizzard.

I'd also like to give thanks to Dave Sidler and Tim Mandeville. They volunteered to track the HOG millage program for all of us. Thank you very much.

We hardy Minnesotans are fond of saying, not just because we're so folksy but because it's true here (and pretty much in most parts of the U.S.), "If you don't like the weather, wait 5 minutes and it will change." Hallelujah, warmer weather is right around the corner! I can already feel it and I'm itching to get in the saddle again as I'm sure you are.

There have been SO many changes happening around us over the last few months. From saying our final goodbyes to dear Chapter friends Boyd Uppman and Mickey Bosak, to sending other Chapter friends southward to warmer temperatures like Ard and Brad Koopmeiners to Arizona and Ron and Kathy Ray to Florida. We already miss you but are comforted knowing that we will see you again as Florida and Arizona will make for excellent destinations for road trips. You will no doubt have the area scouted in time and have plenty of new roads, views and unforgettable memories yet to be made to share with us when we visit.

With Wild Prairie moving so many bikes into new people's garages, our Chapter is also constantly evolving and growing. There are so many new faces and we welcome all of you and hope you'll join us on the many rides and activities this year will bring for our members. As our motto is to "Ride and Have Fun", we will embrace that as much this year as ever. The Wild Prairie HOG Board is constantly striving to bring you rides and activities that you'll want to take part in to increase the enjoyment of riding your Harley as well as building closer relationships by having fun with your Chapter brothers and sisters.

There have been many changes in the Motor Company in recent times as well. Who ever thought that an organization known forever for its often loud, thunderous V-Twin engines would come out with a nearly silent electric motorcycle? While it is being extremely well received now that people are getting to put their hands on it and take it for an exhilarating spin, there were sure a lot of differing opinions on social media about it before it came to fruition. Whether you agreed with some of the decisions of the Motor Company or not, one thing was absolutely certain. Things had to change going forward for them to stay in business. A path for new customers had to be blazed to bring them into the brand.

Along with the all-electric LiveWire, other new models are emerging. The new Pan America was developed to appeal to those in the recently hot "Adventure" riding/touring segment.

Back in my day, that was called Enduro. I think what is so appealing is that it draws on some of the first experiences many of us had growing up as kids on dirt bikes. It's part nostalgia, but also just plain fun to get back to the basics of riding off the beaten path. You never knew what might lie right around the corner or just over the hill. You got to ride through the mud, climb and jump over obstacles, do wheelies, skid to a stop....it was just plain, raw fun and taps into that pure feeling of being a kid with few worries or responsibilities again. The Bronx model is another new direction for Harley-Davidson that is aimed to appeal more to those interested in urban riding, be it for fun, sport or commuting. The Motor Company is trying really hard to come out with a variety of affordable motorcycles to get new, young riders into the brand. Oh! And there were also a couple of new electric BMX bikes to try making a first connection with really young riders.

And finally, something that Jennifer and I are beyond excited about is that right about the time this goes to press, we will also be moving south! A whole 10-15 minutes south from Eagan to Rosemount. After nearly 7 long years in a tiny, cramped subterranean apartment, we are finally moving into a bigger place all our own with tons of windows and views of green space on three sides. And we're happy that it's a townhome because we want to ride on the weekends rather than do yard work.

So while change is inevitable and not always fun, change is necessary to grow and keep moving forward. It often leads to bigger and better things. What's changing in your world? I hope nothing but good things are coming your way. Stop in and see me at the dealership and share what's going on with you and I will show you something new! Wishing you all nothing but the best.



*Road Kill by Rich
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The birds are chirping and the snow is melting! There's hope for riding weather in the near future. Although snow in March and April in Minnesota is more common than not, a guy can dream right?!? If you decide to do early season riding with this warmer weather, please be careful out there! We want everyone and their bikes to make all the fun we have planned!

We are moving forward with the proposed reduced group ride schedule for the year as follows:

- April 18 - "Ride To" the Spring Flood Run
- April 25 - Safety Officer Chris Hawver's Group Riding Field Day followed by a short practice ride and a stop for lunch!
- May 2 - Bike Blessing and Female/LOH Ride Day
"Ride To" the Carver Motorcycle Ride
- May 16 - Crow River H-D Open House
- May 30 - Stockholm Karting Center, Cokato, MN. I'm expecting there to be some good friendly competition!
- June 6 - "Ride To" Ride for Heroes, Rockville, MN
- June 13 - Self-led ride to Antique Show at MN Fairgrounds
- June 20 - Madison Lake, MN led by Gigi N

The open weekends on the calendar will allow for makeups due to weather cancellations, as we know spring is a fickle time of year in the Midwest. It will also give you the ability to participate in this year's Chafed Butt Challenge rides!

The Chapter plans to again offer the Chafed Butt challenge in 2020 with 11 ride destinations of varying distance with a chance to win prizes at an end-of-the-challenge drawing. We are finalizing details now with the challenge running from May 2 - August 31. The destinations range from 50 - 350 miles and are scattered with historical sites, military monuments, great restaurants, and motorcycle destinations.

As for our Monday dinner rides, Jake's in Plymouth has closed, so we are looking at going to Malone's in Maple Grove. For their support of our pop can tab collection for RMH, we are looking to add Burky's in Cologne. We will again be using O'Brien's in Shakopee, and we are working on a 4th location.



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Bruce Bollig and I are still working on the Treasurer transition. Unfortunately the holdup is a federal application for a new non-profit EIN for the Chapter.



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Please participate in the Group Riding Field Day on April 25th!

No update at this time.



Aase's Editorial
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Every month we seem to have an awesome number of volunteers that assist the Chapter in their activities, and the activities of the dealership itself. Believe me, the Chapter and the dealership wholeheartedly appreciate all your efforts! December, January and February were no different:

December had the Chapter helping the motor clothes staff at the dealership with holiday gift wrapping. Thank you to Dan B, Dave K, Steve and Christy N, Ceci H, Rich and Shell M, Kevin and Renee S, Duane M, Judy H, and Mike and Pam A!



January we held a Cook for Kids events at the RMH - Children's Hospital. Thanks goes to Ginger F, John S, Frank C, Aimee M, Carl and Kim P, Trevor S, Diane O, Cynthia K, Tanya L, Michelle W, Kathy H, Judy H, and Chris H.

February the Chapter held their Chili Cook Off which was coordinated by Officer Dave Kane. Thanks for the great chili Nancy T, Diane O, John S, Scott R, Phil K, Dave K, Shannon M (1st place), Gigi N (2nd place), and Jen D (3rd place). We will be sending our top three to the Metro Area Chapter Chili Cook Off to be held at Lakeville H-D on March 21 at 11am. Good luck!

We look forward to your continued volunteerism!



Join Or Renew Now

HOG Chapter renewals for 2020 were sent out in January. Please return them ASAP to remain a member in good standing! If you didn't receive a form in the mail or at the January Chapter meeting, please notify Membership Officer Dan Bednarski immediately!

Leroy "Mickey" Bosak
 5/26/1932 – 1/15/2020




The Chapter lost a founding member in January. We sent a floral bouquet to Mickey's service and recently received a Thank You from the family. I think we all knew Mickey as the guy that was here every Saturday morning, that updated our HOG board in the entry way to the dealership, that occasionally helped shovel the walkway outside the dealership, and was always front and center at the Chapter meetings. For that reason, the Chapter reserved a chair at our January gathering for Mick. Ride in Peace!



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December 6 - LOH Holiday Party




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No update at this time.



The Harley-Davidson Extended Service Plan and You

When you purchased your Harley, did you also purchase the Extended Service Plan (ESP)? Do you know what it covers? More importantly, do you know what it doesn't cover? Do you know how it works? I'm going to attempt to give you those answers in the simplest way I can, using my own personal experience to give examples.

The ESP is basically an extended warranty for your motorcycle. For a new motorcycle you can purchase coverage terms from 3 to 7 years. For a used motorcycle you can purchase coverage terms from 1 to 5 years. Why the discrepancy? For a new motorcycle, the extended portion of the warranty kicks in after the 2-year factory warranty expires. Benefits such as towing and rental and hotel reimbursements are effective 300 miles after the ESP sale mileage. The ESP itself is based on the date of sale of your motorcycle, not when you purchase the ESP.

For example: Say you bought your motorcycle during one of those wonderful winter promotions on January 5th. In July, you decided you really want to protect your metal baby and purchase the ESP. The ESP coverage is based on that January 5th sale date because that's when your 2-year, factory warranty started.

Awesome, you're covered. So, what's covered? Engine, transmission, primary drive, suspension, steering assembly, braking system (excluding rotors and pads), fuel system, cooling system, electrical system, instruments and gauges, seals and gaskets, LED lights, audio entertainment system, intercom, fairing hardware, saddlebags and trunks, sidecar hardware... all covered. Well kind of. Harley-Davidson Factory Parts installed on your bike within the first 60 days of purchase are covered.

You see, Harley-Davidson has an inventory of your motorcycle as it exists at 60 days from date of sale. If you make any modifications or add any extras to your bike within the first 60 days, those items are added to your inventory. That inventory is accessible to every Harley Dealer in the US and Canada. Once those 60 days expire, your inventory record is locked and cannot be modified.

This is extremely important to know. If when you purchase your bike, you know you want more vroom in your zoom and

add on a Stage III kit, no problem. That will be added to your inventory. It's covered. If you're like me and either couldn't afford that extra or didn't know you wanted it until after you've ridden the bike for a year and then add it, it's NOT covered. Your local dealership has no way to re-open that inventory record and cannot add something after 60 days.

I found this out the hard way. Travelling in Canada, I had a breakdown about an hour west of Winnipeg. Having had my bike towed back to Winnipeg Harley-Davidson, the service manager was surprised to find out my bike had a Stage IV kit. According to my bike's inventory records, my 2017 Street Glide had a stock 107 motor in it. I was outside the 2-year factory warranty. I was outside the 1-year parts and labor dealer warranty. Winnipeg HD had a Stage IV kit in the shop and could have done the repair and got me back on the road. The ESP would have covered the labor (that would be the same regardless), but I would have had to pay for the Stage IV kit. I didn't understand this when I had the Stage IV kit installed. I expected that since it was all HD parts being installed by an HD dealer, it would be covered.

If on the other hand, you've left the bike stock or had your modifications done when you purchased the bike (there is a new option for Screaming Eagle parts coverage that costs an additional \$125), the ESP works pretty slick. Another Chapter member has had two breakdowns while travelling. His bike was still stock. He took it to the closest HD Dealer, paid his \$50 deductible and that was it. The dealer in the state he was in took care of the repairs and got him back on the road. This is the way you expect it to work.

The next part of the ESP is knowing your coverage limits for reimbursement. If the repair of your bike is going to take more than a day, there are expenses you can be reimbursed for. Your bike is on the bench and you need to get around. The ESP will reimburse you for a rental vehicle up to \$75 per day with a maximum of \$750 (10 days). Towing expense, you need to get your bike to the dealer. ESP will reimburse you up to \$200 for getting your bike to the dealer. Lodging and meals expense, if you're more than 100 miles from home ESP will reimburse you up to \$150 per day for a hotel and meals with a maximum of \$450 (3 days). **KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS!!** You will have to fax/email copies of your receipts to the ESP Administration company for reimbursement.

Also, make sure the dealership opens a claim with ESP the day of your breakdown. In my situation, my claim didn't get opened until I brought my bike back to Wild Prairie for service. That caused a bit of a mess in my reimbursement claim since the majority of my expenses I was submitting were based on the date of my breakdown, which was a week before the claim was opened. I spent a good amount of time on the phone with

the ESP people getting that straightened out and approved. One other thing to note is that your reimbursement will not be issued until the Dealership submits their claim and closes the incident.

Now that you've got a good idea of what is covered, what isn't covered? Antenna, mirrors, audio speakers and wiring, battery, fuses, belts, hoses, lines, clamps, body parts, windshield, brake pads, exhaust system rust-out / discoloration, fairing, filters or filter housings, final drive chain/belt, frame, fogged or hazy headlight lenses, sealed beam or light bulbs, mufflers or baffles, actual side car, spark plugs or wires, tires, wheels or spokes (unless you've purchased the tire and wheel coverage option), trailer hitch, upholstery, paint and trim. Basically, if it is a normal wear and tear part or something that is damaged in an accident, it's not covered.

Things you can't be reimbursed for... The gas you put in that rental vehicle. A taxi ride from the dealership to your hotel. Renting a trailer to haul your bike. Shipping expenses for your bike. Trust me, I tried.

If you're still reading and you're in a situation similar to mine you might be asking yourself, well what are my options? You can cancel your existing ESP contract and purchase a new one with the Screaming Eagle parts option. If you cancel your ESP, you do get refunded the unused portion. Caveat, if you financed your bike the unused portion is sent to the financing company and is applied to your unpaid principle. Here is the hard part, remember that part about the ESP being based on the date of sale of the bike and not the purchase date of the contract. Buying a new ESP is going to cost you about the same (probably a little more with rate increases over the years) as your original contract. If your bike is financed and your refund goes to your lender, that's a bitter pill to swallow.

That's about it. I said I was going to try and make it simple. I didn't say anything about it being short. Hopefully you know a little more, understand a little better and can make an informed decision about whether or not the Harley-Davidson Extended Service Plan is right for you.

For me personally, I didn't have a pleasant experience going through the ESP claims process. I had probably the worst possible scenario for my breakdown. I'm thankful for the integrity of the people at Wild Prairie. Based on promises that had been made and not on contract language, they ate some expenses and took care of me. I'll forever be grateful and they'll always have a loyal customer. I'm keeping my ESP as is. And, I'll probably get it again when I buy a new bike.

Would you like to be part of the next newsletter?
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