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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



It's September and unfortunately things haven't changed that much from where we were in June. We're still dealing with the unprecedented situation we've all been in since mid-March – I again hope this finds you and your family safe and well.

The Presidential election is heating up, and that causes another level of stress that many don't want or need to deal with on top of the events of the past 6 months. There are different ideologies, different ways forward, different ways of dealing with the pandemic, different ways of dealing with law enforcement and how do deal with the rioters, looters and demonstrators happening across this great country. School is back in session, and for those who are in education or have students heading back to school (whatever that looks like in your district), this adds even more uncertainty to their lives. It doesn't matter where you stand on any or all of these issues, we still need to be there for each other during these times.

One thing that does seem semi-normal is when I'm on a motorcycle. We continue to ride our normal miles and get out and see things, knowing we may run into different situations in communities and their local or state laws governing the pandemic. We carry masks, gloves, disinfectant, etc. so we are prepared for just about anything. We social distance from others we haven't been around. However, you're never quite sure if they have the same concern for you.

As a Chapter, we are still restricted from gathering in large groups indoors. We held our August HOG Chapter meet-and-greet outdoors at the dealership on the 20th and I understand that went very well! Thanks Wild Prairie for providing the eats, and I thank Dave Sidler and the other Officers for leading that gathering. We also thank Gigi Nielsen and Mark Hennig from *Tribute To The Troops* for the presentation. Unfortunately, or fortunately depending upon your perspective, we were unable to attend due to an 11-day motorcycle trip out west that put us in eight states and logging a little over 4,000 miles.

If you also choose to get out and ride, the Chapter has been holding Monday night and Saturday rides staggered every other week. We are also still running the mileage challenge for you to earn your HOG Member Discount punch for the month. We will continue this monthly for the remainder of the riding season. Lastly, we are running the Chafed Butt Challenge thru September 27th which gives you eleven locations to ride your motorcycle and earn a punch and prizes. These vary from historical locations, restaurants, memorials, and motorcycling destinations. Details on all can be found on the Weekly Update email and on our Facebook page.

In addition, National HOG offers you the RIDE365 program. Not only is this the tracking mechanism for your annual and lifetime Mileage Recognition Program, as well as the Chapter Challenge, it also has three challenge programs giving you locations to ride to. You also earn points on your H-D Visa for every mile ridden and reported if you carry the card! These points can be used for H-D gift cards. More information on these challenges can be found at H-D.com/ride365. All these challenges can be ridden by you as a solo ride or a personal group ride. Just get out and ride if you're able!



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

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



Rain, Rain, Go Away....

Jennifer and I have been fortunate on almost all our rides this summer in not getting caught in the rain. *KNOCK ON WOOD* I can only recall once riding home from Wild Prairie earlier this summer that I got caught in a torrential downpour and was chilled and soaked to the bone by the time I got home. I'll admit that I was totally unprepared for that one as there was no rain in the forecast. That storm just popped up and right at the exact time I was leaving the dealership. Just ducky.

Any time we've gone on any sort of extended ride (overnight or all weekend), or if the forecast was iffy, we've made sure to pack our rain gear. That act alone almost guarantees that it won't rain. But forget to pack it and you are seriously asking for trouble and will likely come to regret that omission. Of course, Harley-Davidson makes some fantastic rain gear. Extremely comfortable and not at all plastic-y feeling, also very high-visibility in both color and reflective material. Plus, it does its job extremely well to keep you dry. What more could you ask for? But whatever brand you end up purchasing, make sure you get all three of those features. And don't stop with just a rain jacket. Get the pants, too...and the gloves....and the booties/shoe covers. There's nothing worse than cold, wet hands or boots that are completely full of water. That's a miserable feeling and really detracts from your ride.

Having the proper gear can make all the difference between continuing to ride or having to pull over and wait for the rain to pass. It's not all that awful riding in the rain if you have all the right gear. It can still be fun. Just be sure to adjust your riding to account for the roads being more slippery. Ease up on the throttle and the brakes when accelerating or decelerating. If you have one of those fancy new bikes with the RDRS system, switch your bike into "Rain mode". Obviously take it slower around any corners or curves in the road. Also avoid the center of the lane as that's where most of the oil, grease and other fluids drip off other vehicles and it is the most slippery portion of the lane, especially in the first few minutes after the rain begins! Of course, your headlight will already be on automatically, but it doesn't hurt to turn your high beams on too. You need to do everything possible to make yourself more visible. As hard as we are to see on a clear day, we're even less visible when it's raining.

Give yourself every chance to survive your ride. I won't try to tell you that you should be wearing a helmet (with a face

shield)....but if you normally don't wear one and you know ahead of time that it might rain on your trip, you'll be glad to be able to protect your head from the stinging water bullets (or hail!) in the event it does. And I know that space is always at a premium when packing for a long trip so as a bonus, your rain gear can double as a wind-stop layer possibly saving you from needing to pack that extra sweatshirt, hoodie or jacket.

There's still a lot of riding season left. I'm really hoping our dry streak continues. But if it doesn't, we'll be ready for it. Wishing you all nothing but sunny skies and warm winds, my friends!



Well, its time again for another membership update!

This year has been an interesting riding season. Pretty much like the Chinese curse: May you live in interesting times. Back when this all started, the Board made a good decision not to send out renewal letters to our members. If we cannot meet or do rides there was no sense hitting you up for membership renewal. Well, that limited our renewals, but I'm pleased to state we have sent out 166 renewals either by mail or at the February meeting. Out of those we got 105 back. Some of you were nice enough to renew by yourselves but that is an impressive rate of return. Thank you much and you guys are the greatest!

New bike memberships were around 138. If we see 30-40 new members out of those, we are doing great. Remember, Wild Prairie has a great market share and we are not going to see people from St Cloud or Faribault no matter how nice we are. It's just too far to come. The fact that we have so many new Wild Prairie customers show up to our rides and events is all down to you. You make this Chapter welcoming to these new members. Thank you for making my job easier!

The in-person August HOG Chapter meeting was pretty well attended; we had about 50 people. It was great to see you all, and I just want to emphasize keep safe. If you do not want to attend a ride or a meeting, I want to say: I understand. We will be there when this is over and look forward to seeing you then. We all are united by the love of our bikes and the love of good roads. The board will do everything possible to maintain this Chapter so we can have more fun in the future!

Take care everybody!



Off-Course with Chris
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Since the last newsletter, the Chapter conducted a Group Riding Clinic with over 25 bikes on site. Special shout out to our Road Captains for making this a fun and educational event!

In addition, we announced an online contest to test your understanding of motorcycle safety and some fun questions related to motorcycling. We topped this contest with the bonus question...is a hot dog a sandwich. We bikers ride to eat, among other reasons, so it is only fitting to add this as a bonus question.

The following are the answers to the contest questions. Enjoy the reading and learning. Hopefully, it will add additional benefits to your riding.

Ride safe, stay safe.

Safety Contest Questions

Question 1: Counter steering: There is a left curve ahead.

Which handlebar do you push on?

Answer: Push on the left handlebar

Question 2: Before you leave home for every ride, you conduct T-CLOCS on your bike. What does T-CLOCS stand for?

Answer: T = Tires and Wheels

C = Controls and Cables

L = Lights and Electrical

O = Oil, Fuel and Other Fluids

C = Chassis

S = Side stand

Question 3: Name at least sixteen hand signals that could be used in a group ride.

Answer: Left turn - left arm and hand extended to left

Right turn - left arm out bent at a 90-degree angle

Stop – left arm extended straight down palm back

Slow – left arm extended straight out, palm down, swing arm downward

Speed Up – left arm extended straight out, palm up, swing arm upward

Follow – left arm extended straight up from shoulder, palm forward

You lead/come – left arm extended upward 45 degrees, palm forward, point with index finger, swing arc front to back

Hazard in roadway - on left point with left foot, on right point with right foot

Single file – left arm and index finger extended straight up

Staggered – left arm and index and middle finger extended straight up

Comfort stop – left forearm extended, fist clenched with short up and down motion

Refreshment stop – left arm out, fingers closed, thumb to mouth

Turn signal on - open and close left hand with fingers and thumb extended

Pull off – left arm positioned as for right turn, forearm swung to shoulder

Cops ahead - tap on top of helmet with open left hand, palm down

Fuel – left arm out to side pointing to tank with finger extended

Question 4: What does the acronym S.E.E. stand for with respect to rider functions?

Answer: S = Search - scan the area, check mirrors for your surroundings

E = Evaluate - use information to evaluate situation, predict unexpected hazards and challenges, formulate a plan of action

E = Execute - adjust speed and position accordingly and let your group know your intention

Question 5: What is the total stopping distance for a bike traveling at 35 MPH?

Answer: 91 Feet

Question 6: What are two (2) dehydrators for a biker?

Answer: Caffeine, Wind

Question 7: What are four (4) ways a rider can be impaired?

Answer: Alcohol, Drugs, Medications, Lack of Sleep, Dehydration

Question 8: What is the friction zone on a bike?

Answer: The area of resistance created as the clutch becomes engaged, transferring power from the engine to the rear wheel.

Question 9: What are two (2) things you can do to increase your visibility at night?

Answer: Hi-vis gear, Upgrade lights

Question 10: You are on a group ride and riding in staggered formation. What is the recommended amount of time for the distance between you and the rider off to your side?

Answer: One second

Question 11: There are three (3) women inducted into the Sturgis 2020 Hall of Fame. What are their names and the name of their company/organization each is also associated with?

Answer: Vicki Sanfelipo, ASM and Road Guardians
Jody Perewitz, Perewitz Cycle Fab and Racing
Susan Lettau, ABATE of SD

Question 12: Related to traffic safety and motorcycle related crashes, what does the acronym P.A.C. T. stand for?

Answer: Prevent further injury
Access the situation
Contact EMS
Treat injured

Bonus question: Is a hotdog a sandwich? (yes or no)

Answer: Depending upon your perspective, culture, how you were raised or hunger, it can or cannot be considered a sandwich. Some say yes, and some say no.



Chaplain's Happenins
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I'm not sure where I heard it, but I really like this illustration.

I don't know about you, but I'm feeling a bit overwhelmed with lots of concerns lately. The virus. The election. The economy. Relationships. My job. And so much more. There's just a lot to deal with these days. So, imagine a helium balloon. Hold it in front of you and put all your concerns in that balloon. Now let it go and imagine it floating to God. He's got it. Really. He does. That has become our catch phrase between Judi and me lately. God's got it.

What a blessing to start seeing some of you at different socially distanced events lately. But no matter what is ahead, let that balloon go to the One who can handle it.

If there's any way that I can come alongside you, please let me know!

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The good news is that many of us have been taking advantage of this unprecedented time to explore new sites and check off the Chafed Butt Challenge stops.

Unfortunately, the bad news is, due to COVID and our lack of meetings we have had a shortfall of deposits into our account. Hopefully that will change sooner than later. It is important for everyone to know that your dues are our only source of revenue for the Chapter at this time. So, if you haven't done so already, please pay your yearly dues.



Aase's Editorial
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Just a couple of pictures from my trip out west. We hit eight states (MN, SD, ND, MT, ID, WA, OR, WY) and put on 4000+ miles.

As you plan your journeys, review the HOG Ride365 Ride Guides and/or website for locations for their challenges. Just a quick snapshot can earn you some cool rewards that are already part of your HOG membership benefits.



Logan Pass – Going To The Sun Road, Glacier National Park, Elevation 6,646 ft



Beartooth Pass – US Hwy 212, Elevation 10,947 ft



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Chafed Butt 2020 update. Great job getting out and seeing new places and riding those motorcycles! Please remember to also report your mileage for HOG Ride365!
 Please review and let me know of any discrepancies. Also, if you have photos you haven't submitted to me yet, please get them to me ASAP!

Chafed Butt Challenge 2020												
	Gordy's	Serpent	Bike Barn	Shieldsville	HarkinStore	Cov'dBridge	Brick House	HD Shed	HighGround	HD Museum	- BONUS - FakeMuseum	TOTAL
Aimee Makres	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Alan Manheim				X		X						2
Bruce Bollig		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			8
Bryn Walsh				X	X	X						3
Catie Bebeau		X	X	X		X						4
Christi Nugent				X	X							2
Cynthia Kirwin						X	X					2
Dan Bednarski			X		X	X						3
Danese Brothen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	10
David Sidler	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
David Priem		X		X		X						3
Diane Osborne	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Ed Morrow	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	10
Frank Canney	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Gigi Nielsen						X	X	X	X		X	5
Ginger Flaten				X								1
James Taylor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Jay Martin							X					1
Jen Dynan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Joe Hamilton						X						1
Josh Bebeau		X	X	X		X						4
Judy Hartmann			X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	8
Kevin Gravalin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			9
Matt Hardy			X	X		X						3
Michelle McKagan	X		X	X	X	X						5
Mike Aase	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			9
Pam Aase	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			9
Rich McKagan	X		X	X	X	X						5
Rick Carriveau	X	X										2
Scott Addyman	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			9
Shannon Mandeville	X	X		X	X		X		X	X		7
Steve Nugent				X	X							2
Terence Kaeder	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			9
Tim Mandeville	X	X		X	X		X		X	X		7
Trevor Stahl	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	11
Vaughn Kardashian				X	X	X						2
TOTAL	19	21	22	29	25	29	21	17	19	9	11	222



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