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CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Milkman's Musings

Chapter Director

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Chapter Officer elections were held at our November drive-in event. It looked and felt a little different this year due to COVID gathering restrictions, but we thank those of you that came out and showed an interest by voting.

Here is your slate of Chapter Officers for calendar year 2021:

- Director – Mark Willemssen – unopposed
- Assistant Director – Dave Sidler – mid-term
- Treasurer – Bruce Bollig – mid-term
- Secretary – Mike Aase – def. Tim Mandeville
- Head Road Captain – Dave Kane – unopposed
- Ladies of Harley – Judy Hartmann – unopposed
- Membership – Dan Bednarski – unopposed
- Safety – Chris Hawver – unopposed
- Editor – Mike Aase – unopposed
- Photographer – Gigi Nielsen – unopposed
- Webmaster – Rich Carriveau - unopposed
- Activities – Open
- Historian – Open
- Chaplain – appointed - Curt Quiner continuing
- Head Spokesman – appointed – Open TBN

On a personal note, I was honored and privileged to serve you as Director for the past two years. With a recent job promotion I felt that I couldn't fulfill the time commitment and duties of Chapter Director as you deserve. I am humbled to assume the

Secretary role in 2021 which will allow me the flexibility to work behind the scenes and support new Chapter Director Mark Willemssen, the other Officers, and Chapter members.

I want to first thank all the Officers who are leaving the Board at the end of the year for their time, talents, thoughtful discussion, and their help in leading and making our HOG Chapter what it is. It truly does take a village to raise a child and leading a HOG Chapter is not that much different. Please thank Tim Mandeville, Rich and Michelle McKagan, and Kevin Swecker for serving you.

Second, to those Officers who chose to be nominated for new positions on the Board, thank you! Your experience and well-rounded vision and support will only benefit our members and our Board. Congratulations Dave Kane and Mike Aase!

Third, to those Officers who chose to continue in their current role, much appreciated! Some of these roles are not an easy task and the consistency you will provide will greatly benefit our members and our Board. Thanks Dan Bednarski, Chris Hawver, Gigi Nielsen, Mike Aase, Judy Hartman, and Curt Quiner!

Lastly, to those nominees that will become new Officers on the Board, thank you for your openness and desire to serve your fellow members as an Officer. We welcome you to the Board and look forward to working with you as we take this Chapter forward. Welcome Mark Willemssen and Rick Carriveau!

I hope everyone had a Happy, Healthy and Safe Thanksgiving, as well as wishes for Christmas and New Year! Here's looking forward to a better 2021!



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.



I would love to say that the last two years have been the best! In reality, it's been a few of the most challenging I have had. Because of the support that I received from some of my very best friends from this Chapter, I've managed to make it though. I thank Wild Prairie HOG for giving me the opportunity to make some incredible friends.

COVID has certainly taken a bite out of our ability to ride as a group this year, which is kind of our thing! There is a fine line that we needed to walk, still trying to gather respectfully but not to look like we are thumbing our noses at the Governor on the 10pm news. Josh, thanks for working with us. I think that we did as good as we could. Thankfully once again Mike Aase organized the Chafed Butt Challenge which allowed individuals or smaller groups to get out there and ride, just in a little smaller, less attention getting way. I did not make all the stops this year, but I sure had a good time trying!

Thank you to everyone that helped from Monday Night Dinner rides to two-hour tours, full day and overnight rides. I hope you all realize what it takes to be a Road Captain and their willingness to plan, lead and manage a ride when you don't know how many riders will participate, and at what riding level each of those riders are at. I can't thank those that stepped up this year enough for what they did for this Chapter!

HOG threw us for a bit of a loop early on in my two-year stint that took a bit of the wind from my sails. They directed us to change the way that we ran our Road Captain program and the way that we ran our rides. Being proud of the program that I inherited; it was a tough pill to swallow. We did our best to follow the instructions given but as a Road Captain, it just was not the same. I felt that we did things better before. I am happy to report that after recent discussions with our HOG Regional Manager, we weren't doing things SO wrong and with a few modifications, a return to "normality" for us is in order. I am glad to hand the reigns of the Road Captain program over to Dave Kane; I know it is in capable hands. I am happy to follow him anywhere he leads, and I hope you will be too!

Here is a 2020 recap of our riding season:

June: Three rides (one postponed) and a Group Riding Day

July: Director's Ride to Ortonville, cancelled Monday ride, and a Benefit Ride

August: Five rides and our first Chapter meeting since March

Sept: Five rides (one cancelled) including the WPHD 9/11 Remembrance Ride and WP Staff Appreciation Ride

October: Two rides, concluding our season with the 2nd Annual Tour De Couleur in honor of Boyd Uppman. The newsletter banner is the group photo from this ride. Our riding season was bookended by our Chapter Chaplain Curt Quiner who offered a Biker Blessing prior to our June 6 ride to Henderson and led us in a pre-ride remembrance of Boyd on October 10's Tour De Couleur (see below).

Here's hoping 2021 will be a better year to ride with all of you!



The Chapter guests of honor - Boyd's widow Diana Uppman, and Lead Road Captain Duane Meyer's wife Mary Ann. Duane led the route in honor of his good friend Boyd. Diana and Mary Ann were chauffeured in a trailing car behind the group of riders by Pam Aase, wife of Director Mike.



Photo from the pre-ride service. The sky was a brilliant blue and the colors were fantastic!



Hello everyone! I hope you enjoyed the activities that we held in the off seasons. I was intending to switch things up a bit and try some new events. My favorite? Ax throwing! Who knew I was such a dead eye?! I hope that the Winter Parties were worth your time and our effort! I know I had fun working with some of you to plan them and bring them to life.

I've enjoyed my time on the board as your Activities Officer, but now it's time to step down and allow for new ideas. Thanks to all of you that helped to make the activities a success! This is not something that is done without the help of others. With COVID, no one knows when we'll be able to gather again but the Activities position is still open. Maybe you have some ideas for the next few years?

Best wishes for the new Board for 2021!



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On September 27th, we wrapped up the 2020 Wild Prairie Chafed Butt Challenge. We had 38 members participate and they submitted a total of 254 photos to the contest which is outstanding! That's an average of over six locations/person. Fourteen visited the National Motorcycle Museum in Anamosa, IA which was our least visited location and was our BONUS location this year giving members two entries for visiting. That gave us a total of 268 tickets in the drawing for prizes.

- Grand prize 5k service (2) – Terry Kaeder, Jen Dynan
- H-D Sign (4) – Bruce Bollig, Michelle McKagan, Ed Morrow, Scott Addyman
- Wild Prairie Back Patch (4) – Rich McKagan, Kevin Gravelin, Kyle Perlich, Matt Hardy
- Chalk board – Diane Osborne
- Neon Clock – Dave Priem

- Most popular location: 33/38 Shieldsville (closest)
- Second least visited: 17/38 H-D Museum (Free admit)
- Probably should have been least visited: Old American Bike Barn - 13/22 came from July 3rd group ride

Thirteen of the 38 participants visited all eleven locations:

- ✓ Frank Canney and Aimee Makres who finished first (I know that's a big deal to Aimee so....)
- ✓ Danese Brothen – who took two bikes to get it done
- ✓ James Taylor who completed all eleven stops in one long weekend
- ✓ Ed Morrow who is making this a habit (he visited all locations last year as well, even with a delayed trip to the HD Museum this year)
- ✓ Trevor Stahl and Diane Osborne who had so much fun this year they decided they are going to do it again next year on ROAD GLIDES!
- ✓ Judy Hartman who got a late start this year due to work commitments with COVID, but finished strong, all on her Heritage!
- ✓ Terry Kaeder who made a road trip to the H-D Museum and back in one day
- ✓ Dave Sidler and passenger/significant other Jen Dynan who know riding as a team takes a little something extra to accomplish something like this
- ✓ Mike Aase and passenger/wife Pam who visited all locations last year as well.

Stay tuned for next year's contest!

I could use a bit of good news these days...and I'm sure you're feeling the same way! I came across this true story from 2012.

Kenyan runner Abel Mutai was just a few feet from the finish line, but became confused with the signage and stopped, thinking he had completed the race. A Spanish runner, Ivan Fernandez, was right behind him and, realizing what was happening, started shouting at the Kenyan to continue running. Mutai didn't know Spanish and didn't understand. Realizing what was taking place, Fernandez pushed Mutai to victory. A journalist asked Ivan, "Why did you do that?" Ivan replied, "My dream is that someday we can have a kind of community life where we push and help each other to win." The journalist insisted "But why did you let the Kenyan win?" Ivan replied, "I didn't let him win, he was going to win. The race was his." The journalist insisted, and again asked, "But you could have won!" Ivan looked at him and replied, "But what would be the merit of my victory? What would be the honor in that medal? What would my Mother think of that?"

That story makes me think about the folks in our motorcycling community. Despite the crazy things going on in 2020, I am encouraged when I hear about chapter members coming alongside each other and helping out. There is good in giving someone a helping hand. It helps that person, but it also helps you. Honesty and ethics ARE alive and well. You don't have to look any farther than at this group to see it. I am proud to be a part of this group.

If there's any way we can come alongside you, and help push you in the right direction, please don't hesitate to contact us! It would be our privilege to pray with you.

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<p>The Wild Prairie HOG Chapter Officers hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving, and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!</p>	
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To the members of our HOG Chapter...

It has been my privilege to serve on the Board of Directors for the past two years serving as your Webmaster. I am happy to say that I will be turning those duties to one of our new Board Members, Rick Carriveau. But this isn't goodbye. I will be continuing to serve on the Board as your Head Road Captain in 2021-2022.

This is my third position on the Board. I am happy to again be there to represent our membership and look out for your best interests. And hopefully, I'll be able to fill the mighty big shoes of our outgoing Head Road Captain Rich McKagan.

We have one of the best chapters out there. And it is only through the dedication, involvement and passion of our membership, that is possible. I am proud of how the Chapter gives back to the community through volunteerism and donations. I am thankful for the friendships and fellowship I have found through the Chapter. I encourage each of you to think about how you can stay involved with the Chapter this coming year.

2020 and COVID-19 have been difficult at best and brought tragedy at worst. Through all of this, the Chapter, your Board and Wild Prairie have done their best to keep us involved in the activities we love. Here is hoping that 2021 will be an easier year and we can get back to our "old normal". Thank you for continuing to allow me to serve you.

I've had the pleasure of being involved with the Wild Prairie HOG Chapter since 2013, that same year I was asked to be a Spokesman and soon after that I become the Head Spokesman.

I've had the opportunity to reach out to new, current, and old members as well. To hear the excitement in a new member's voice when you make the phone call and welcome them to the family of other bikers and talk about their new scooter and invite them to a Chapter meeting is so rewarding. I try to make people feel warm, invited and welcome. We as a community don't want someone to show up and feel like they were ignored or didn't fit in. I've seen time and again, so many of you in this Chapter, including our current Spokesmen, reach out to new people and make them feel welcomed. We're a unique community/family and our bond is the iron we ride!

We've laughed, cried, rode and created endless memories and friendships in each one of our journeys. Yes, I made phone calls and reached out to new members due to my extraordinary computer skills...ok, ok, truth be told, because of the lack of my computer skills! I couldn't have done this without the help of my wife Renee sending the emails out to the other Spokesmen/Ambassadors.

As we enter this new season, I feel it's time for me to step down and open the door up for new leaders with fresh ideas. The Dealership, Chapter, and all of you are very near and dear to us. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Be blessed my friends!



Unfortunately, LOH has had to cancel our planned events like Witches Night Out and our annual Holiday Party due to the pandemic. We have also not been able to hold our quarterly Ronald McDonald House cook-for-kids event.

However, we did have a Ronald McDonald House supply drive at our November HOG Chapter drive-in, and we will be dropping off those items and pop tops soon! Thank You!





Greetings, Friends!

Soon there won't be much 'Riding and Having Fun' happening in Minnesota. Pandemic aside, it's late November and snow is imminent. This begs the question, "What do you do to pass the time in winter until you can ride again?" Do you have any strategies, or do you just try to shrug it off and vow to never think about it in the depths of January and its sub-zero temps? I won't lie, I do a little of that from time to time. But that got me thinking about some of the things I intentionally do to get through the off-season. Maybe you do some of these as well or might consider trying a couple.

- Read about all things motorcycling. I find some of my reading from emails I'm subscribed to like "Common Tread by Revzilla" (www.revzilla.com) or "Motorcyclist" (www.motorcyclistonline.com). There's also the H.O.G. magazine, recently renamed "Enthusiast". I also Google the internet for sources of articles to keep my riding skill-set sharp when I'm not riding or just to discover different, possibly new techniques.
- Read blogs and watch vlogs: Blog is short for "weblog" and vlog is just the video version of the same. It's just an internet article that happens more than once. Some are weekly, some monthly, some whenever the author feels like it. I personally tend to do more watching of vlogs on YouTube. A few of my regulars you can search for are Adam Sandoval Rides, Law Abiding Biker or Ryan Urlacher, John Maxwell, Matt Laidlaw, Motorcycle.com, Touring Midwest, Ride It Wrench It, Fast-Action Jax, Revzilla...
- Listen to Podcasts: If you're unfamiliar with what a podcast is, think of them as a modern radio broadcast over your computer or mobile device. They arrive over the internet instead of using the airwaves. One I listen to regularly is "Law Abiding Biker". They usually have new episodes weekly that are about an hour long and the main host is a motorcycle Law Enforcement Officer (LAW) in Washington state. They talk about lots of topics related to our sport as well as do reviews of new Harley products. Check them out.
- Look at pictures of my current and previous bikes and trips I've taken on them. This occasionally backfires and makes me long to be on the bike.
- Order more parts! This one is a no-brainer. There are always more parts you didn't know you just HAD to have! Go pay a visit to the guys at Wild Prairie's P&A counter

and ask them for recommendations or tips on what's new! Also check out your stack of catalogs or go visit your favorite accessory website. Life's short...get that thing you always wanted for your bike and enjoy it now instead of in a couple more years after which you'll have missed out on that enjoyment.

- Do some maintenance or add some of those new accessories you just bought. Do an oil change, do some detailing and spiffing up to freshen your baby's appearance, tackle updating your GPS or Boombox software if your bike has those.
- Plan trips for the upcoming season: Get together with some riding friends and plan a trip! Check out some maps and research new twisty roads and scenic routes for something to look forward to. Hit the internet and use Google to find some destination rides.
- Chat with other people that own bikes over the phone or a Zoom video call!
- If we ever get back to normal enough that we can attend events, go to a bike show when it's in town! See lots of custom bikes, what's new from all the major bike manufacturers, and tons of accessory vendors. You didn't really want to hold on to any of that money in your wallet, did you?
- There's always going out to the garage and sitting on your scooter and pretending you're riding it. Try to resist the urge to fire it up because that's probably going to be hard on your engine, starter and battery...but (ahem) if you just can't help it, I won't tell anybody. It's not like I've ever done that. As far as you know.

Of course, there are other non-motorcycling related things you can do to make the winter more bearable, like maybe *shudder* spend time with your family. But as you can see, you don't have to if you don't want to. You can wallow in all things motorcycle all winter long.

Stay safe and let's all do our best to survive this crazy pandemic. And until we can meet up in person again, Happy Holidays to you and yours!



No update at this time.



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At the time this Newsletter went to print, the Wild Prairie HOG Chapter was in fourth place in the HOG Ride 365 Chapter Challenge, trailing two Missouri Chapters and Fox Valley Chapter from Wisconsin. Our Chapter total is 419,936 miles which is being logged by only 58 Wild Prairie members. If you're not logging your mileage, why not? The rewards are part of your National HOG benefits! The good news is you have until the end of 2020 to submit your miles!

Leading our Chapter are some serious motorcycle riders. Here is a list of those members from our Chapter logging over 20k and 10k miles so far in 2020:

Herb P	26,245 mi	Michael A	16,753 mi
Bradley K	24,047 mi	Brent A	14,762 mi
Frank C	22,255 mi	John S	14,589 mi
Joshua B	20,090 mi	Edward M	13,911 mi
		Aimee M	13,466 mi
		Cal A	12,535 mi
		Trevor S	12,484 mi
		David K	12,370 mi
		Marc H	10,625 mi

There aren't any changes to report as it relates to our HOG Chapter financial account.

I hope at this time you can join with me to reflect on the enjoyment we had this riding season. It started off slow due to COVID but gained momentum as the months passed.

Thank you to the organizers of the Chafed Butt Challenge, it offered us all many opportunities to visit places that we wouldn't have seen otherwise. An additional Thank You to all the Road Captains for their efforts in providing us with well-planned routes and destinations. Many attended and many stories were shared.

Plus, several of our members bought or traded up to new Harleys this season. That is awesome!

Also, several of our women riders and Ladies of Harley members have taken the "Beginner Harley Davidson Rider Academy Course". Let's wish them well and share in their excitement as they learn to ride!

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

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Well, it's been quite a year. We had some ups and downs this year. The good news is we got in some rides and meetings. Thank you to everyone that supported the Chapter. A special shout out to those members who joined this year, you are great! I would like to thank Dave Sidler and Tim Mandeville for all your good work in entering mileage for us. I really appreciate getting credit for my HOG miles. Thanks also for all you do behind the scenes. Now about the gift-wrapping event. There are still some open slots in the coming weeks. Let's see someone other than Board members volunteer. You get to hang out at the dealership and get yelled at by little old ladies for wrapping incorrectly. Well, strike that last one, that only applies to me! Still, our active members are pretty awesome for stepping up for volunteer opportunities. Time and time again you guys have gone above and behind so thank you. As for next year, I hope we kick COVID's butt and go back to riding and having fun! Keep Safe.



Off-Course with Chris
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I am Safety, Safety-I-am.
 I do not like the Grinch named 2020, Safety-I-am.

I do not like not being able to welcome my friends with hugs, handshakes. I do not like we can't meet, share meals, stories and much more, Safety-I-am.

Safety-I-am, I do not like the cold weather not letting us ride. I do not like it's that time of the year where emotions are in juxtaposition. On one side, we are happy to have the Holidays come. The other side is preparing our bikes for a long winter sleep.

For winter storage, I can store at Wild Prairie H-D, or I know I should add 5 pounds of pressure in each tire, put Sta-bil or Sea-Foam in my bike's tank, and connect it to a trickle charger, Safety-I-am.

Safety-I-am, I will let you be if you stay safe, wear your mask, practice social distancing, and wash your hands. I will also let you be if you do your best to celebrate Christmas and all the Holidays, Safety-I-am.

Safety-I-am recommends you give more Grace than you receive and seek to smile and laugh at least once per day.

God Bless!

Be Santa's Helper and Gift Wrap at Wild Prairie!



If you are friendly and handy with gift wrap, tape, ribbons and bows, please help the Wild Prairie Harley-Davidson Motor Clothes Staff and our HOG Chapter by volunteering to gift wrap during the holidays at WPHD. Work for donations and tips to benefit the HOG Chapter and/or Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Please call the Dealership at 952-698-5000 and ask for Nina or Vanessa to see what shifts are still available.

Shifts (2-3 volunteers per shift):

- Saturday, December 5 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Saturday, December 5 12:30pm – 3:00pm
- Saturday, December 5 3:00pm – 5:30pm
- Sunday, December 6 11:00am – 1:30pm
- Sunday, December 6 1:30pm - 4:00pm

- Saturday, December 12 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Saturday, December 12 12:30pm – 3:00pm
- Saturday, December 12 3:00pm – 5:30pm
- Sunday, December 13 11:00am – 1:30pm
- Sunday, December 13 1:30pm - 4:00pm

- Saturday, December 19 10:00am – 12:30pm
- Saturday, December 19 12:30pm – 3:00pm
- Saturday, December 19 3:00pm – 5:30pm
- Sunday, December 20 11:00am – 1:30pm
- Sunday, December 20 1:30pm - 4:00pm

DEALERSHIP HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th – 10am – 4pm
 Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th – Closed

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31st – 10am – 4pm
 New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st – Closed

