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No Director' comments for this month's Newsletter.

Stone Celts H.O.G. Chapter Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll call of officers.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!

Our sympathies go out to Roger and Sandy Snyder. Roger's mother passed away at the age of 100 this week. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Secretary's report was approved as written.

Activities – Smokey Bones is the dinner ride location this month. Be at the dealership by 5:00 pm. The 50/50 tickets will be sold prior to leaving the dealership and the winner will be picked at the restaurant.

March 20th is Vintage T-shirt day at the dealership. Wear your vintage shirt in and get a discount! We need volunteers to sell various raffle tickets that day.

March 27th – 1963 Theme Day at the dealership

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March 27th—The Edge/Laser Rock at 701 South Belt West, Belleville is the “St. Baldrick’s” fundraiser for children with pediatric cancer. Our new member, Dave Prickett, is here to tell us about the event. He lost his 8 year old daughter 3 years ago to pediatric cancer and he is heavily involved in this great cause. The event runs from 2:00-8:00 pm. You can have your head shaved or just stop by and watch all of the excitement. We have an auction and raffle available also. All proceeds benefit the St. Baldrick’s Foundation for Pediatric Cancer. Come join us or go to www.stbaldricks.org.

March 27th—Hawgs4Heros fundraiser is at Shenanigan’s, 6:00-11:00 pm. There will be a free pizza and wing buffet while it lasts. We will have attendance prizes and 50/50 drawings as well. The cost is \$5 at the door or an item from the Wish List on the flyer.

April 10th—Senior Day at Cambridge House, Swansea.

April 24th—Senior Day at Cambridge House, O’Fallon. More to come on these events.

April 11th—Motorcycle Swap Meet at the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds. The dealership will have a booth if we want to sell raffle tickets. We will need a few volunteers to cover this event.

April 17th—Pre-owned bike auction at the dealership.

Safety—The “Stone Celts” Experienced Riders Course is scheduled for May 8th at SIU Edwardsville. If you are interested please see Bill Simpson for more information. Bill also has information on the Basic and Trike courses on May 1st.

Riders Challenge—We have 22 people who have achieved their 400 points to get their rocker tonight. Way to go! One word of warning to all of you, please READ the rules for each challenge in the book, for instance, ALL water towers must be in ILLINOIS except for the ONE Missouri water tower in the odds and ends. Please be sure to read the rules before you do the challenge so there is no confusion when you come to have the challenges signed off on. Thanks.

Dealership – Kari

March 20th—Vintage T-shirt day at the dealership. Wear your vintage shirt in and get a discount! If anyone has a Frieze T-shirt from East St. Louis, you may want to bring that or wear that one in!

March 27th—1963 Theme Day at the dealership.

April 15th— Bike Show at the Pasta House on 159 sponsored by Frieze Harley-Davidson.

April 17th—Pre-owned bike auction at the dealership. Entertainment and food begin at 1:00 pm.

May 16th—Frieze Open House

May 16th—The 15th Annual Cancer Ride.

Rally Report – Jim Clindaniel

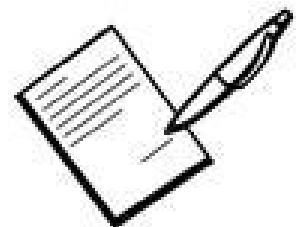
Pre-registration for the rally ends on April 15th, so, don’t procrastinate! Go on-line and register. The first 500 to register are eligible for a \$500 prize donated by Frieze. As of tonight there are only 49 spots left to be one of the first 500!!!

There was a motion made to have a half page advertisement put into the Illinois State Rally book. The motion was unanimously approved by the chapter.

The wearing of the green contest at the meeting was won by Mindy Johnson (who could not possibly have anymore green in her closet because she was wearing it all!!!)

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm.

Tina Sambo
Secretary



QUICK TIPS: Ten Things All Car & Truck Drivers Should Know About Motorcycles

1. There are a lot more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road, and some drivers don't "recognize" a motorcycle; they ignore it (usually unintentionally). Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at an intersection.
2. Because of its small size, a motorcycle may look farther away than it is. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks.
3. Because of its small size, a motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots (door/roof pillars) or masked by objects or backgrounds outside a car (bushes, fences, bridges, etc). Take an extra moment to thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.
4. Because of its small size a motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is. Don't assume all motorcyclists are speed demons.
5. Motorcyclists often slow by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Allow more following distance, say 3 or 4 seconds. At intersections, predict a motorcyclist may slow down without visual warning.
6. Turn signals on a motorcycle usually are not self-canceling, thus some riders, (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off after a turn or lane change. Make sure a motorcycle's signal is for real.
7. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily and to minimize the effects of road debris, passing vehicles, and wind. Understand that motorcyclists adjust lane position for a purpose, not to be reckless or show off or to allow you to share the lane with them.
8. Maneuverability is one of a motorcycle's better characteristics, especially at slower speeds and with good road conditions, but don't expect a motorcyclist to always be able to dodge out of the way.
9. Stopping distance for motorcycles is nearly the same as for cars, but slippery pavement makes stopping quickly difficult. Allow more following distance behind a motorcycle because it can't always stop "on a dime."
10. When a motorcycle is in motion, don't think of it as motorcycle; think of it as a person.

Bill "Crash" Simpson
Safety Officer

Source: Motorcycle Safety Foundation

Remember...

Dinner Rides are on the Saturday following the Chapter meeting. We meet at the dealership unless otherwise announced. The 50/50 tickets are only available before departure and the winner is announced at the restaurant. Kickstands up at **5:00 PM.**

April Birthdays



- 1 Laurie Lacey
- 2 Chad Bartholomew
- 3 Leigh Gass
- 4 Bryan Doyle
- 11 James Fuhman
- 15 Michael Kitchen
- 16 Ralph Stone
- 22 Mike Venn
- 26 Michael Holas
- 27 James Klein

Welcome New Members

- Todd Chamblin
- Tony Christopher
- Allen Depping
- Kent Eisenhauer
- Darnall Jones
- Michael Kitchen
- David Prickett

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Members**

Belated March Birthdays

- 2 Brent Piper
- 2 Becky Vogel
- 7 Neverson Dollar
- 11 Pat Savoy
- 12 Terry Carrico
- 13 Bill Simpson
- 21 William Reed
- 25 Tony Christopher
- 27 Cheri Riebeling

April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Mar 28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Senior Day Swansea Cambridge House
11 Swap Meet Belle-Clair Fairgrounds	12	13	14 Officer's Meeting at the Dealership 6:00 PM	15 Bike Show at Pasta House Sponsored by Frieze H-D	16	17 Pre-Owned Bike Auction Frieze H-D
18	19	20	21 <u>MEETINGS</u> Elks Lodge LOH 7:00 PM Chapter 7:30 PM	22	23	24 Dinner Ride Senior Day O'Fallon Cambridge House
25	26	27	28	29	30	May 1

Have you traveled somewhere? Would you like to share the story with our members? Write up your adventure, enclose some snapshots, and e-mail it all to me at: HOG_editor_hoppy@yahoo.com. You can also use the link on the web page.

You will earn Riders Challenge points too.

Charlie "Hoppy" Hopkins
Editor

Please support the 'Quilt Raffle' fundraiser. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and are usually available at Chapter functions. If you have not had an opportunity to see the quilt, stop by the dealership and take a look. You need not be present to win. Drawing will be at the Illinois State HOG Rally in June.

Illinois State H.O.G. Rally is excited to announce that Jerry "Motorman" Palladino, seen on speed TV and the producer of the #1 selling motorcycle instructional video, "Ride Like a Pro," along with his team will appear at this year's rally June 4-5 in O'Fallon IL. He is a long time motor officer with the Sheriff's Department who teaches a modified version of the police motor officer techniques to the average rider. You don't want to miss this. Sign up now at: <http://www.ilstatehogrally.com/>. On-line registration will close on April 16k, so, don't wait register now.

Riders Challenge—By: Joe Ernst

It was in early May 2009 that I decided I wanted to buy a Harley, take the month of September off, and ride out west and see some of the country I had never seen. It just hit me that I was 66 years old, work was slow and I may never get a chance to do it again. The last time I had rode a bike was in 1983. It was a 1978 Harley Low-Rider that I loved but because of finances I had to sell. That weekend I cautiously approached my wife, who fears motorcycles and has not rode before, with this idea I was surprised and delighted by her support and encouragement.

Well, needless to say I was in the Harley showroom the following Monday and found a new Ultra Classic that I liked. I took my wife to Frieze's the next evening to show it to her. When we arrived at the dealership, not only did they have the bike I liked but had also added another Ultra Classic that was sun glow red and had ABS brakes. The next day Wednesday I went back to the dealership, settled on a price, and filled out a purchase agreement with the condition that I would be able to get my Motorcycle endorsement. Friday I was off work, so, I was at the DMV exam office when they opened. I took the written test, passed it, and went down the street to a shop where they rent small scooters and motorcycles to take the riding part of the test. They gave me some time to familiarize myself with the scooter and even laid out a course for me to practice on. After about a half hour they escorted me back to the DMV office where I took the riding test and I passed. With my new license in my pocket it was back to Frieze's where they allowed me to ride a lighter used bike to allow me to get some of the feel back before climbing on my new Ultra. After completing the transaction I rode my new Harley back home.

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My excitement about getting a motorcycle again was only tempered with the caution that I felt for not riding for 26 years, being 66 years old, and then buying a very heavy bike. I spent the next few weeks riding the bike by myself to get the feel of the bike and learning to control it at slow speeds and stopping. After a few weeks had passed, my wife Angie announced that she was ready to do a short trip. I made a point of riding with great caution and not doing anything that would scare her. I am really proud of my wife because I know how afraid she was of the bike and the effort she has made to overcome those fears so she can share this experience with me. Now when I call her to ask what she wants to do for supper the reply is often, "I was thinking about going out on the bike to get something to eat." It's music to my ears.

I attended my first Charter meeting where I ran in to Bob Plant. He and I both had been members of a Scuba diving club and had made a number of trips together with the club. He encouraged me to purchase the "Riders Challenge" book. After lightly browsing through the book at home I was not particularly impressed with it. I had told Bob of the long ride I was planning and that if he was going on any rides I would like to go along to get as much experience on the bike as I could before September. Well, he invited me to join him and others on a number of rides where they were making stops to get points for the Riders Challenge. Before I knew what was happening I was hooked and found myself planning routes to reach the various destinations in the Riders Challenge. Almost every Friday I was up early, out the door, and on the bike. I made three rides of over 300 miles, two at a little over 400 miles, and one of 511 miles. Soon I found that I had reached the all of the destinations with the exception of those located north of Springfield, IL. They would take an overnight stay to reach.

In the mean time work picked up a great deal and forced me to postpone my western ride. I am hoping to do it sometime this year. With my trip off, I then decided to make the ride to pick up the northern odds and ends and covered bridges. I left on a Thursday morning and rode in the rain to Peoria, IL. I rode again in the rain Friday morning. I ended up stopping at nine Harley Davidson dealerships, visiting the four northern covered bridges, the world's most beautiful drive in Peoria, the Mormon settlement at Nauvoo, and the Becky Thatcher home in Hannibal. On Friday I crossed the Mississippi River six times going back and forth to visit dealerships and the Thatcher home. I was tired when I got in that Friday evening but I would have been happy to get right back on the bike Saturday morning. I had a great time.

The Rider's Challenge had not only given me a destination to ride to but also to visit some very interesting and historic places. The legend of the Cherokee Rose and the Civil War Veteran's Memorial I found especially moving. It was not hard to imagine the Indians that passed through that cemetery and the young men that were killed in the Civil War and were buried as unknowns.

I really want to thank the Chapter and the Riders Challenge committee for putting this program together. I can't wait to see what this year's Challenges will be.



1. Elephant Rocks, MO
2. Last Stop, Taylorville, IL
3. Wandell Sculpture Park, Urbana, IL
4. Johnson Shut-Ins Stat Park, MO
5. Ferry Crossing, Ste Genevieve, MO
6. Becky Thatcher Home, Hannibal, MO



Hi Everyone,

I am so excited that the riding season is so close we can taste it. Today is March 1, 2010 and I just earned my 400 points to receive my 2010 SCRC rocker. But, my thoughts are with many of our new riders. Not just new to the Stone Celts, but new to the riding world. I know many of you would love to get that cool rocker added to your vest, but are just a little apprehensive about riding that new bike with all of those riders who have been riding for years.

Well, I have been talking to a few of our new riders as well as a few of our experienced riders about creating a Mentoring Program. This program would be designed for one on one mentoring. This would not just be a riding program. It would be talking, watching others and how they ride, check out difference between bikes, having your mentor watch you ride and watch things like am I using my mirrors, am I using my turn singles, how is my posture. It would be what you and your mentor want. On group rides, you and the mentor may decide to ride next to one another, or maybe meet a little early and go over a few things you have been noticing.

Maybe you are thinking about riding, but not sure if the reasons you want to ride are:

- 1) Because everyone else rides.**
- 2) I think my partner would rather I ride my own.**
- 3) I can not stand be on the back anymore... I want to ride my own but can I do it?**
- 4) Or whatever is your reason.**

I would like to ask anyone, male, female, experienced rider, new rider or just thinking I might want to ride to please drop me an email and express your interest.

**Thank you,
Diane Griffith
Membership Officer
Stone Celts H.O.G.
membership@stoneceltshog.com**

Spring is here and so is the riding season's beginning. Now all of us can start taking care of our PMS depression problems...

Parked Motorcycle Syndrome...

15th Annual Cancer Benefit Ride

**RAFFLE TICKETS
ON SALE NOW!**

\$1 Each | 6 for \$5

**Grand Prize: 4 night trip to Punta Riu
Palace Macao in Punta Cana, Dominican
Republic. Valued at \$2,600**

Courtesy of  **APPLE VACATIONS.com**

**9 other great prizes you do not
want to miss out on! Check out our
Cancer Ride page for details!**

Raffle tickets
providing support for
The 15th Annual
Cancer Ride Benefit

**NOW AVAILABLE
Bikers Against Cancer Patch**



**\$5.00
Each**

**Get your commemorative 15th
Anniversary B.A.C. Patch.
Quantities are limited!**

Patch designed by:
The Stone Celts H.O.G.
Assistant Director
Marty Eckhard



Illinois State HOG Rally Quilt Raffle

Drawing will be at the Illinois State HOG Rally in June

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Will be on display at Frieze Harley-Davidson Dealership

Benefits Stone Celts H.O.G. Chapter

Need not be present to win.

Vic Rose

Ride Like a Pro will offer a discounted 3-hour class for \$100 on Thursday, June 3rd, at the Regency.

To sign up visit their web site at <http://www.ridelikeapro.com/> or call 1-866-868-7433.

This class is not affiliated in any way with the Illinois State H.O.G. Rally.