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## Director's Comments

### Rally Wrap Up

After a year of planning, it's all over. The 2010 Illinois State H.O.G. Rally is now history. All of the reports coming in are that it was the best ever. Everyone I spoke with had a great time and said there was a lot to do. Everyone from the hotel staff to the folks who run the businesses in downtown O'Fallon were so kind and hospitable. Everything went off without a hitch. I could not have been happier with the results. I truly believe we have set the bar high for Rockford to top, and I hope they do top us. This means Illinois rallies will be better each year. Looking back at what got us to this successful rally, you have to look at all the key players that made it happen. First of all I cannot praise the Rally committee enough. They were a great group of dedicated hard working individuals that all came together as one team. You know who I am talking about; those folks in the khaki colored shirts. With a team like that, the job of Rally Coordinator was a breeze. Even with a great committee, a rally has to have volunteers to make it all work. We had close to 300 volunteers from chapters throughout the state. Some of those volunteers came from the hometown team, The Stone Celts. Our chapter really shined and when it was time to deliver you stepped up and hit a grand slam! Everywhere I turned I ran into chapter members helping out one way or another. I am so proud of this

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Chapter. I would like to thank all of you that helped make the 2010 rally a huge success. I also want to thank the dealership for their help and support from the time we planned our proposal to the loading of the last rally item into the dealership's box truck Sunday morning after the rally. And let's not forget the great dealer party on Friday night; they pulled out all the stops. Something tells me our chapter will have a huge showing for next year's rally, I for one am looking forward to heading north to Rockford with you all.



Marty Eckhard  
Director, Stone Celts HOG<sup>®</sup>

## **Stone Celts H.O.G.<sup>®</sup> Chapter Meeting Minutes**

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

Director/Marty—Rally was a success; all of the feedback we have gotten has been very positive. I would like your feedback as well, so, please forward your comments and questions to me. I have some certificates that I would like to hand out because without all of our volunteers this would not have been as successful or run as smoothly as it did. THANK YOU!!!

Membership/Diane—163 coming into tonight and 9 new members for a total of 172 members.

Secretary/Tina—Meeting minutes approved as written in the newsletter.

Treasurer—Vic—Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Safety/Bill—For those of you who completed the experienced rider's course, I have the forms that you need to send into Harley for your reimbursement. On another note, we have had 2 motorcycle deaths lately, so, please be aware of your surroundings as you go out.

Webmaster/Chuck will start posting all of the flyers for events that are All Chapter Rides on the home page of our website so if you are interested take a look at the website.

Dealership Report/ Kari—Don't forget bike night at the Pasta House every Thursday evening. We will have the High Seas Rally Cruise tickets at the tent and will be selling them, so, anyone interested in helping out would be appreciated.

Photographer/Joe—All new members who not had their picture taken please see me at break so I can get your picture for the website. Thanks.

Activities/Fathead & Rick—August 21st. This year's Bi-State Friendship ride is to the Cardinal's Game. The starting point will be at Frieze Harley-Davidson<sup>®</sup>. We will ride to the Muni parking lot in Forest Park. From there we will head to the Cardinal's Game. We will be riding the stadium like we did last year but this year there will actually be people in the stadium. We will be selling tickets for this event, so, watch the chapter-wide e-mails that will be coming out on this.

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\*The route is done for the "Scootin' thru the South" ride on June 27th. It is about 106 miles. It begins at Frieze H-D<sup>®</sup>, then goes to Brewers in Lebanon, Pistol City in Coulterville, Mary's in Ruma, and ends at No-Jacks in Smithton. Sign up is from 10:30 to 12:30 at the dealership.

\*The Dinner Ride for this month will be at Shenanigans in Edwardsville.

\*We have enough orders for the men's shirts that I presented to the chapter a few months ago. I will get with Etta and Jenny on the women's shirts because there may be an issue with not having enough for the minimum order.

\*August 8th is the Chapter Picnic. Let's check with Schiappa's to cater. We need to make a decision on "where" we are going to have it. Carlyle is one option. Jenny has offered to have it behind the dealership like the rally party. We also have the Freedom Farm.

The Float Trip is July 23-24. The cost is \$86.47 per person and it is tent camping. This does provide 2 breakfasts and a campout dinner. I need half of your money by June 25th and the rest by the first week of July.

Festus All Chapter Ride is this Saturday, June 19th. We will be leaving the dealership at 9:00 AM and leaving the Red Roof in Columbia at 9:30 AM.

Million Mile Monday is June 28th.

July 10-11 is the Memphis overnighter. The guided ride is leaving the Red Roof on Saturday morning at 7:00 AM. The hotel is the Best Western Gen X Inn. If you haven't reserved your room please do it quickly because we don't know how many rooms are left.

Don Seifried—The Rally next year is in Rockford, IL. We need to get an idea of how many people are interested in going because we are trying to block out a bunch of rooms at the Clock Tower. We have 20 rooms for the Stone Celts right now. If you put your name down it does not lock you in for this it just gives us an idea.

August 13-14 is the Milwaukee Museum trip. If you are interested in going you need to reserve your rooms by July 13th. We have a block of rooms at the Best Western Waukesha.

Don Seifried—We need a bike to participate in the Parade of Bikes in Milwaukee during bike week September 2nd. If you are interested in participating, please let me know so I can get your information and fill out the form for HOG.

Rider's Challenge Committee/Mel—We have sold 113 books since we started this year's Riders Challenge. We have 65 people who have earned their rocker so far. That means over half of the people have earned their rockers.

June 26th the L.A.M.A. group is having their 2nd Annual Meet and Greet at Jack's Iron Horse in Bridgeton, MO [12950 St Charles Rock Road]. Registration is from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. All proceeds go to the St. Louis area food bank. The last stop is at Shady Jack's.

July 4th is the 6th Annual Firecracker Poker Run for our Troops. Registration at O'Fallon VFW 11:00 AM-12:00 PM. Each stop will be a drop off point and pick up point for wounded warriors packages. Items needed: white boxer shorts, t-shirts, hygienic items, and socks. All welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

**Tina Sambo**  
**Secretary**



**Just A Reminder...**

**All outstanding raffle tickets [or money] for the High Seas Rally Cruise must be turned in at the beginning of the July chapter meeting. The chapter meeting is scheduled for July 21st, so, plan accordingly.**

**Linda Jacob**

**How Good We Really Do Have It**

By: Tina Simonin

Well, here it is that I have been riding motorcycles but have never attended a HOG rally? I know it sounds strange but I had the time of my life at the Illinois State HOG Rally! It was especially nice to meet so many other members from other chapters, talking with them and sharing stories about what kind of riding their area has to offer. I especially had a lot of conversation with the Wild Fire Chapter members from the Chicago area. I led practically their whole group on the south route ride on Saturday; I think there was about 70 of them! They absolutely LOVED the cold air coming from the caves off the bluff road. They told me their chapter has 500 members and 100 road captains!!! That makes our chapter seem so small! The group told me when they take their rides together they hardly ever get to ride far without having to put their feet down at a traffic light... I thought about that for a minute... hmmm... We really do have a lot of great riding around here that sometimes even I take for granted! So, when you're out there riding remember how good we really have it. Enjoy your rides!

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](mailto: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

**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 (KSU) at **5:00 PM**.

# July Birthdays



- 3 Michael Golec
- 3 Steven White
- 8 Steve Madura
- 8 Patrick Turnage
- 10 Lonnie Adkisson
- 11 Ed Carlisle
- 11 David Wilson
- 14 Jack Gelbaugh
- 21 Charlotte Seifried
- 22 Richard Hughes
- 22 Kevin Turner
- 25 Steve Davis
- 26 Monica Kimbrell
- 29 Darlene Ross

## Welcome New Members

- Rochelle Baldwin**
- Scott Brown**
- Rick Cooper**
- Mindy Johnson**
- Joy Kish**
- Jeff Knox**
- Raymond Plaster**
- Joel Scheppler**
- Patrick Turnage**

**172  
Members Strong**

# June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
June 27 <b>Scootin' thru the South Ride</b>	28 <b>Million Mile Monday... Ride Ride Ride</b>	29	30	July 1	2	3
4 <b>6th Annual Firecracker Poker Run for the Troops</b>	5	6	7	8	9	10 <b>Memphis Overnighter</b>
11 <b>Memphis Overnighter</b>	12	13	14 <b>Officer's Meeting at the Dealership 6:00 PM</b>	15	16	17
18 <b>Elks Children's Benefit Ride—Sign up at Frieze</b>	19	20	21 <b>MEETINGS Elks Lodge LOH® 7:00 PM Chapter 7:30 PM</b>	22	23	24 <b>Dinner Ride KSU 5:00 PM at Frieze H-D®</b>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## High Seas Rally Cruise

As a Chapter fund raiser this year we are selling chances on a 7-day cruise for two aboard the ship Freedom of the Seas, with the High Seas Rally Cruise, Oct 31 to Nov 7. The tickets sell for \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be at the July Chapter meeting. The winner must pay their own transportation to/from Port Canaveral, FL, applicable taxes, and travel insurance. The chapter membership agreed to do this fund raiser, so I need members to sell at least 2 books of tickets. If you don't think you can sell to your friends and family, help out at the chapter tent during the State HOG® rally. Vic and I will be selling quilt and cruise raffle tickets. We're looking for people to help us sell! For more information on tickets or the cruise contact Linda Jacob or visit the website: [www.highseasrally.com](http://www.highseasrally.com)



### It's Good To Be Home, For A Couple Of Days Anyway...

I've been traveling so much on the bike these past weeks that sleeping in my own bed is a real luxury. In the past month I have ridden to Lewisburg, OH; Charleston, SC; and Cameron, NC. Next up is another trip to Lewisburg for a wedding. I've loved every minute of my trips, even though I've been caught in the rain a couple of times.

The first trip to Lewisburg I got lucky and beat the rain that was coming into the area. But I wasn't as lucky on the trip home. I couldn't stop and spend the night someplace because I had to make the Cancer Ride on May 16th. Unfortunately the skies looked menacing and that kept a lot of riders away on that day. Still we had a good turnout for the ride. Nothing will keep our die hard riders home on that day.

My trip to Charleston was uneventful but the ride home was another story. I couldn't ride a whole tank of gas without having to wear full rain gear until the second day. Then I had a beautiful ride home, no rain gear! Yea!

I went to Cameron to attend the graduation of a friend's daughter. First I stopped in southeastern Kentucky to visit my aunt and cousins that I hadn't seen in years. Then I needed to get back on the Interstate but had to take back roads to get there. I don't need to do the Dragon's Tail; I've ridden Route 460 through Kentucky, West Virginia, and Virginia, whew! Good thing it was the middle of the week and not a lot of local traffic. Those hills, curves, and winds kept me on my toes for a couple hundred miles. By the time I got home I had ridden 1,837 miles, almost the same amount of miles on my Charleston trip.

I've been planning a trip out west in July to visit three of my sons. I had planned to visit Canada, Mexico, and 18 states; however one of my sons (the one in Texas) is planning to be home July 20<sup>th</sup>, so, I'll cut my trip to be home when he is. But I am still planning to ride down to visit him in August.

One thing I did learn is not to ask one Harley shop where another is located. I spent an hour in WV looking for a dealership that was supposed to be right on the highway, but never found it. Another dealership gave me one of their pins just for the asking. That was really nice of them.

Can't wait for my next adventure.

See you on the roads...  
Linda