

Stone Celts H.O.G.

Chapter #0972

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DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

I hope everyone has been able to stay cool over the past month. Riding in Hot Weather creates it's own set of challenges. The biggest one is staying hydrated. Knowing and recognizing the signs of heat exhaustion are critical.

Some of those signs include: dry sticky mouth, urinating less, itchy skin, dizziness, feeling lightheaded and headaches. If you are in a group, look out for your fellow riders as well.

A new feature on the website is the "Question of the month". We have been doing this for the past couple meetings on index card, but thanks to Chuck, we now have the capability of doing it on line and seeing the results "real time".

The SCRC committee will be selling food and drinks at the next Frieze Friday Night Live on 7/27. Come out and support the chapter and enjoy some good music and fellowship.

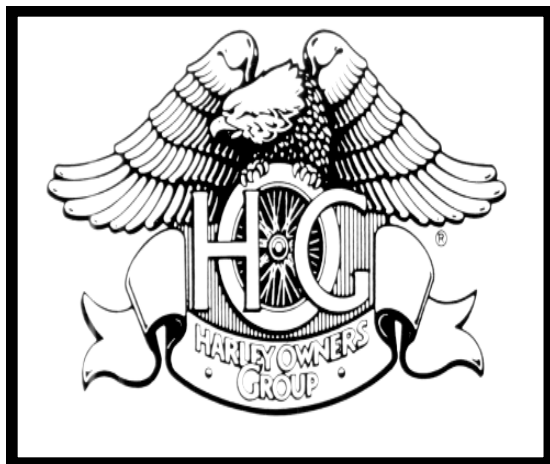
There are a lot of rides coming up. Stay tuned to the website, emails and Facebook for the latest information. Also, if you are interested in going on any of the group rides, please give the Ride Captain a courtesy by letting them know if you will be attending. They put a lot of work into planning the ride

and it can be frustrating not knowing if anyone is going to show up. They will appreciate the effort. Let's keep up the great work and continue to "RIDE AND HAVE FUN!!!!!!".

Jim Clindaniel

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Stone Celts HOG
Chapter Meeting
July 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with the pledge of allegiance and roll call of officers. Danielle from MDA is with us tonight. She thanked everyone who attended the MDA ride. "The kids loved seeing all of the bikes and spending the afternoon with all of you. You all don't realize how much of an impression you make on these kids. We enjoyed having you and thank you all for sharing your afternoon with the kids, the look forward to this every year. I want to thank Ron Wiley for raising \$640.00 for this event. He did a fantastic job and you all should be very proud." Danielle was presented the check from the Stone Celts for \$261, and this along with the money raised by others in the chapter (\$1739.00) total \$2,000 and this money will sponsor 2 children for a full week of camp!

We also received two "Thank You" cards, one from the Cambridge House thanking us for spending our day with them and providing the rides for the seniors. Bourbeuse Valley also sent one to thank us for supporting their all chapter ride.

Asst. Director – The annual HD Parade of Flags is on September 1st in Milwaukee. Our deadline to have our members information turned in is the 27th of August. If anyone is interested, please see me at break so we can get this wrapped up and I can submit the information that is necessary.

Secretary – report approved at written.

Treasurer - financial report approved as written

Membership – 150 + 10 new members = 160 total

Editor – keep the articles coming. I could probably use 1-2 more for this one. I have been approached by a few people who are interested in doing the editors job next year so if anyone else is interested please let me know.

Safety – Group riding...did you know that in most states it is illegal to ride side by side. When you ride, you are to have a 2 second interval between you and the bikes in front of and behind you for your safety and the safety of others in the group. When we do group rides, our ride plans are posted on our website, so please print them off and keep one with you incase for any reason you are separated from the group. Our goal is to have a road captain in front, in the middle and at the back of the pack but that doesn't always happen.

Riders Challenge – we have the grill lined up for FNL, it comes with two propane tanks so hopefully we won't run out. Brian Wright is going to pick up the grill from the base and drop it off at Frieze, and then he is going to Tom's to pick up the trailer of food. We obviously need volunteers to help cook the food. FNL starts at 5pm and most people aren't off work yet so if anyone can help us by doing the set up that would be great. If we can get volunteers to cook for even 1 hour that would help out.

Webmaster – the question for the month is posted on the website and we are getting response. Check out the website for more things to come.

Head Road Captain – We are having a road captains meeting on August 1st at 6pm at the dealership. Don't forget the dinner ride on Saturday and the Breakfast ride on Sunday.

Activities

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| July 20 | Bike Night at the Pasta House |
| July 21 | New Members Orientation, 3:30pm at the dealership, second Floor |
| July 21 | Dinner Ride, Powhattan Restaurant in Pocahontas, KSU at 5pm from the dealership |
| July 22 | Sunday, Bretz Wildlife Winery Brunch Ride, leaving Frieze at 10:30am, Ron Wiley is the road captain |
| July 26 | Bike Night at Pasta House |
| July 27 | Friday Night Live at Frieze 5-10pm |
| July 28 | Peach Ride, lunch at Reid's' Harvest House, leaving the dealership at 10am |
| August 4 | Breakfast/River Ride – Eagles Nest, leaving the dealership at 7am, Bob Creel is the road captain |
| Aug 8-12 | Maggie Valley NC/Dragon Tail Ride |
| August 19 | Ste. Genevieve Winery Ride |
| August 19 | Hartbauer/McBride ride, sign up at Ted's Motorcycle World in Alton |

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Dealership – We will have our tent set up at the Pasta House for the PT's ride on the 21st.
 July 27th FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE, Poker theme, Jackpot is the band.
 HOG chapter is doing the food. 5-10pm
 July 28 Illinois State Police Poker run leaving the dealership at 10am. Registration is from 9-10
 Aug 11th Gateway Pet Guardians will be the dealership for the "Dog Days of Summer"
 Aug 24th Friday Night Live, Catfish Willy is performing
 Aug 26th Super Sunday Oil Changes 11am to 4pm
 Sept 8/9 2013 New Model Years Open House!

<Allie> I am leaving the dealership in about 2 weeks so I would like to introduce you to Maria who is my replacement. I am going back to school full time and I will miss all of you but please take Maria in and show her the ropes like you did with me. I appreciate all of your help and patience and will miss all of you. The new question this month is "Do we as a chapter want to sponsor the food for the August FNL? The RC committee is doing July but do we as a chapter want to do August?? There are 3x5 cards on your tables, please answer this and leave them for us to collect.

Meeting adjourned, (8:35) please police your tables. Ride Safe!

Tina Sambo, Secretary

Okay, so Mel and I took a little trip in July. We left on Saturday, June 30th and came home on Sunday, July 8th. We spent most of our time in Pensacola, FL on the beach. We did a day trip to Fort Pickens, a day trip to the USS Alabama, and then spent a day going through the Air Museum on the base. From Pensacola, we rode over to visit the TV series "CAJUN PAWN STORES". That was a trip, let me tell you. I don't know if you watch the show, but what you see is what you get. To me if you have seen one pawn store you have seen them all. This was the same, but Mel did get his boots shined (for about 45 minutes) and it only cost him \$3. Wow, what a great deal. (But Mel included a tip on top of that.) We also purchased a Harley Heritage Softail Coin Operated Bank (from the Franklin Mint collection). It took three or more people to figure out how it actually worked, but it does work..... well until it rode home in the cocked position. Mel was able to take it apart and JB weld the piece that broke and now it is in perfect working condition. Plus, we have an item from the "CAJUN PAWN STORE". So from there we went to Cajun Harley Davidson, funny store here. I bought this cat/dog thing at Kohl's before our trip and he rode the whole vacation on my luggage rack. Well, while

at Cajun HD, a fellow H.O.G. member asked if he could take a picture of the cat/dog and of course I said yes. But in return I got to take a picture of his Chapter Colors and he had to sign the LAST spot in our SCRC books for this challenge. So last week I get the HOG magazine and guess whose picture is in the write up for the LA State Rally.....you guessed it, Dave the guy who took a picture of cat/dog and who signed our SCRC's book. After that, we just had two wonderful days of riding home. It's funny that someone living in the Mid-West had to go South in July to find cooler weather. Okay, so maybe only 5-10 degrees cooler, but still cooler. We ended up doing about 2,200 miles and I think we have finally replaced all of the Harley T-Shirts we lost in the fire.

Mel and Diane Griffith

The Dragon

So I left on Friday the 13th to meet up with my brother in Nashville and head out to Pigeon Forge. I got rained on in lower Kentucky all the way to Nashville. So I took a few stops at 3 or 4 Harley Dealers to get out of the rain for a few and give the storm a chance to pass. Apparently my brother got stopped in Arkansas by some thunderstorms that he had to let pass before he got back on the road. We eventually got to meet up in Nashville around 1230 pm. Then we headed out to Pigeon Forge to meet up with about 30 bikes from his old chapter in Maryland. The All American HOG chapter. These guys were very cool and all excited about the riding we would be doing on Saturday. We met up at the dealership in Pigeon Forge on Saturday about 730. Had a pre ride brief on what we were doing for stops, safety on the roads and lunch stops and any other concerns people had. We took off and got on the Foothills Parkway first and what awesome views above the clouds. Stopped off for a quick photo op and then we kept on going. Next we stopped at Chilhowie Lake just before the start of the dragon. It was pre determined that since we had 30 bikes people will just go hit the dragon when they are ready and we will all meet at the end at Deals Gap. I went in behind my brother and another guy and had about 4 people behind me. We did about 20 to 35 MPH through the entire dragon. It was not as bad as everyone made it out to be, as long as you take it easy and enjoy the ride you shouldn't have any problems. Af-

ter Deals Gap we rode a little of the Moonshine 28 and ended up eating lunch at an awesome restaurant in Robbinsville called Lynn's Place. Great food and really friendly staff, and food came out extremely quick. We gassed up and hit the Charahola Skyway. And that road is extremely awesome as well. Nice curves and climbing through the clouds and you feel a huge drop in the temp as you head to the highest point in the Smokey's which was somewhere around 5600 ft. elevation. Then we hit the Charahola Harley shop, and then went to Smokey Mountain Harley. Got rained on very little Saturday so it turned out to be a great day. Didn't want to come home on Sunday because there was still a lot of riding I could have done. Oh well next time I'll have to take Teresa along for the ride.

Brian Wright



I would like to thank all of those who attended the Membership Orientation on Saturday, July 21st. We had a rough start that day. For some reason every time we have one of these something goes wrong. It took a while to locate the projector, but Craig came through for us. Thank you, Craig. Then it took a few more minutes to figure out how to get my laptop and the projector to actually talk to one another, but we got that working. Then someone forgot to bring the Riding the Mean Streets video, but Fathead came through on that one. Thank you, Fathead. Plus, we had to change more settings on the laptop to make the CD work. But, again we got through that issue. Nothing could be done about the HEAT

in the room, but all in all it was a great turn out. I want to thank all of the officers for coming out to support this event as well. There are many questions I don't have the answers to, and without your support in being there, I could not answer all of the questions our members ask. And finally, I want to thank those who had to wait for Mel and me to go on the dinner ride. We had such a good turn-out for the orientation, that it went a little long. (I'm sure it had nothing to do with the technical difficulties we had)

Your Membership Officer,
Diane Griffith

August Birthdays

- 5th John Hightower
- 7th Mike McIntyre
- 9th Joseph Ruppel
- 11th David Rickert
- 13th Dean Ubel
- 20th Dianna Griffith
- 22nd Sheryl Stewart
- 30th Darwin Meskil



Items on the calendar in **ORANGE** are Dealership Events and open to the public.

Chapter Ride to
Maggie Valley, NC
August 8th-12th
Ride the Dragon!



August 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Dog Days of Summer August 11th Frieze H-D is teaming up with Gateway Pet Guardians for a pet adoption day!</p>			1	2	3	4
			8	9	10	11
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>Sturgis Week Aug 6th-12th Black Hills Rally SD</p>  <p>St Genevieve Winery Ride</p>			<p>Officer's Meeting 6pm</p>	<p>Pasta House Fairview Heights</p>	<p>Bike Night Every Thursday</p> 	<p>Maggie Valley NC August 8th-12th</p>
	13	14	15	16	17	18
			15	16	17	18
			Chapter Meeting 7:30pm			Dinner Ride 5pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Senior Citizen Day			Friday Night Live Frieze H-D	Route 66 Wildfire Overnighter
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Route 66 Wildfire Overnighter	<p>Super Sunday Oil Changes 11am-4pm August 26th See Dealership for details</p>			Toasted Marshmallow Day		

Welcome New Members

Linda Gilkerson
 Andrew Henderickson
 John Hightower
 Tammy Hightower
 Sidney Horn
 Bill McIntyre
 Mike McIntyre
 Daniel Sprich
 Mike Williams




Make Your Miles Count (Mileage Program)

HOG® is all about riding and having fun. The HOG Mileage Program rewards you for doing what we all love to do most ... ride. The more miles you log on your Harley®, the more recognition you receive. Pins, patches, motorcycle medallions – all awarded to you because you ride.

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September 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>Frieze is opening their doors for 2 days straight for their New Model Year Open House. Be the first in the STL area to test ride the 2013 demos. Come in and test ride the bike of your dreams. Get the true feeling of riding a Harley with the H-D Jumpstart Simulator!</p>							1
2	3 LABOR DAY	4	5	6 Pasta House Fairview Heights every Thursday	7	8 Festus HOG All Chapter Ride New Model Year Open House	
9 New Model Year Open House	10 D.A.R.E. Benefit Ride	 9/11 Remembrance	12 Officer's Meeting 6pm	13 Bike Night	14	15 Ice Cream Ride	
 Chapter Picnic Time	17	18	19 Chapter Meeting 7:30pm	20 Fairview Heights	21	22 Dinner Ride 5pm	
23 Elk's Children Care Ride	24	25	26	27	28 Sept 28th-30th American Pickers Overnighter Ride	29 	
30	Missouri State HOG Rally Sept 20th-23rd Sedalia MO						

SAFETY CORNER...TODD CHAMBLIN

Equipment Failures - What The **** Should I Do?????

A properly maintained motorcycle is a high priority for most riders. It should be for ALL riders.

When equipment failures happen - what do you do?

- Ex: Blowouts - do not use the brakes. Braking hard only makes it worse. Ease off the throttle and slow down gradually. Hold the handlebars firmly. Try to keep the bike upright. Try to get to a safe location.
- Ex: Broken Clutch Cable - doesn't happen often, but IF it does, don't panic. You can shift without a clutch - not normally advised, but it can be done. Back off the throttle and shift down a gear. Hold on tight and try to find Neutral before you actually come to a stop.
- Ex: Stuck Throttle - other than in your worst nightmare, if this should happen to you, the only thing to do is hit the cutoff switch while you're pulling in the clutch, and look for a safe place to coast to a stop.

As a final comment, safety is our Number One priority. Get your bike checked regularly and pre-check your bike before every ride. It's not only YOUR life, but the lives of others around you.

WATCH OUT FOR THE CRAZIES!!!

Chapter Monthly Question

Each month, we will ask different questions to get feedback from you about what is important. This month's question is.....

"Would you support the SCRC selling food at the next Frieze Friday Night Live on 8/24?"

The response at the Chapter Meeting on 7/18 was

Yes - 17

No - 2

As of July 21, the response on the website is

Yes - 23

No - 0



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. Kick-stands up at 5:00 PM.

Have you ridden somewhere interesting? Attended an event with friends/chapter members? Write about it and it could be published in the newsletter. Earn SCRC points for having it in the newsletter. Send it to me along with a photo, if possible, at editor@stonesceltshog.com