



Stone Celts H.O.G.

June 2013

Director's Corner

We are certainly in "Full Swing" with our riding season now. We had a "riding chapter meeting" last month to Olympic restaurant, several people attending the Illinois State Rally and other State Rallies, and many people advantage of Memorial Day weekend and riding to surrounding states. We are certainly a Chapter that lives our motto "RIDE AND HAVE FUN".



Some of the Officers that attended Harley Officer Training (HOT) in Milwaukee came back with some great ideas. The ideas revolved around getting new members and then engaging them and making them feel welcome once they get to a meeting. I think many of us have joined other organizations and one thing that turns people off quickly is not feeling welcomed or involved. As we get new members, don't be afraid to go up and introduce yourself. Even if you see

someone you don't recognize or have seen a few times but never introduced yourself, go up to them and start a conversation. You are only five seconds from making a new friend. That is one of the biggest advantages our chapter has. That is being very social. Yes we have groups of people that ride a lot together and enjoy being with each other, but I don't think that any of them are exclusive and not looking for new people to hang around with. I hope to see you out there on the roads. After all, we are Harley owners and we bought our rides to get out there and RIDE!!

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Question of the Month Each month, we will ask different questions to get feedback from you about what is important. This month's question is..... Would you like a chapter "Hot Line" to phone for the latest chapter information?

Yes-30

No-12

Upcoming Events July

- 6-7 Paducah Overnighter
- 13 Peach Run
- 14-15 Kansas City Factory Tour
- 17 Chapter Meeting
- 19 Friday Night Live
- 20 New Member Orientation Dinner Ride
- 27 Stone Celts Amazing Race

August

- 4 Breakfast Ride
- 5-11 Sturgis Rally
- 10-11 Memphis Overnighter
- 16 Friday Night Live
- 17 Moonshine Burger Ride
- 18 Hartbauer/McBride Poker Run
- 21 Chapter Meeting
- 24 Dinner Ride
- 25 Alton HOG All Chapter Ride
- 29-31 110th Anniversary



Safety Corner

Todd Chamblin

Carrying Passengers

Summer is here, finally, and we all will be riding a lot more – hopefully - if it stops raining!
For those who ride with a passenger, here are a few tips that you will want to review when going on your ride.

1. Passengers will affect the handling of the motorcycle. Braking, cornering and emergency stopping will all be affected with another person on the bike.
2. If your bike has air shocks, you may want to adjust so you don't bottom out because of the extra weight.
3. Because of the extra weight, more time and space would be needed for passing.
4. Advise your passenger to follow your lead in turns. Lean as you lean, don't fight the turn.
5. Make sure your passenger is wearing proper gear for their protection.
6. Make sure the passenger knows how to mount and dismount properly.

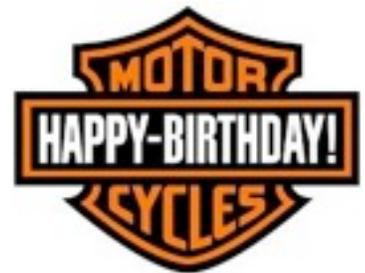


For the beginner rider, carrying a passenger can be fun, but it is also an added responsibility.

Stay Safe - Have Fun -

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Mark Atkins 2	Steven Madura 8	Diane Thomas 1
Brian Eggmeyer 7	William McKnight 14	Kevin Turner 22
Jack Gelbaugh 14	Darlene Ross 29	Steven White 3
Andrew Hendrickson 17	Don Shoemaker 14	David Wilson 11
Tammy Highower 7	Daniel Sprich 7	



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Fritz	Steven	Elizabeth
Cullen	Odom	Odom

Fighting the Lean

Last month I wrote an article called TURN THAT HEAD so consider this one a follow up.

We had a blast at the TN HOG Rally

There was A LOT of talented competitors for the games, there were No gimmes. We wound up placing in 2 of the 4 games...Bike wash 2nd Roadkill pick up 3rd

I did horrible in the slow race and in the Men's division Mike did fairly well but there was a guy there practicing all morning and he whipped everyone by a long shot. On the ball drop, I don't know what happened, We sucked! But Oh Well, we always have a blast competing

Jerry Motorman Paladino the guy from Ride Like a Pro was there

They saw me out on the course and motioned for me to come over by them. at 3 different times by Jerry, Tim and another guy I got 10 minute private lessons, Again!

Since I have been home and even on the ride home, EVERY chance I get to practice circles and figure 8's I take it. Big empty parking lots are a dime a dozen to practice my friction zone and circles.

I am almost to the point of a smooth tight circle but what it has done for my turns out on the road is Incredible! I feel so much more confident and comfortable on my bike now. I have even been venturing out on my own here lately. Up till now I have not felt comfortable riding by myself and I think it was because I was unsure of my capabilities.

Since I stopped Fighting the Lean and became more aware of where my Head AND EYES were looking I almost feel like I am 'Riding Like a Pro'



~Tina Weber~

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Return of the Dragon

Since finding out that the TN HOG Rally was in Maryville this year, home of the Dragon, I could not wait to go and ride it again. We took the "long way" to the rally (of course), getting a few dealerships along the way; it took 2 days to get there.

So, we pull in late Thursday; too late to register.

Fortunately, we already have the schedule so we make it a point to get there first thing in the morning, so we can go on a scheduled ride if we want to. We get signed in, analyze our ride schedule, and lock in our plans. Looks like Friday is the Day of the Dragon.

First thing Friday morning, we get to the dealership, and I make my way to US129. On the way there, it's almost a mini-dragon. Winding curves and LOTS of motorcycles. I get 1.5 miles from the US129 dealership, and a wreck around the next corner stops me in my tracks. 20 minutes later they finally let us through; I slowly ride past a burnt corpse of a crotch rocket. Fortunately, the rider was ok, but hauled off in an ambulance. Apparently he tried to do a burnout around a corner, and that's EXACTLY what he got!!! So, on to US129. I get there, get my cool new puzzle pin from there, and off I go. Even though I've ridden it before, I get so pumped up

about it, I actually get nervous about it. I thought I was actually taking it slow around those awesome curves, expecting to be passed by many people. It

turns out it was the opposite!! I actually caught a small pack, and never got passed. I scraped my footboards 9 times; I only scraped them 3 times the trip I took two years ago. I guess if I thought the Dragon wasn't shit and all the hype, I wouldn't scrape them at all!

I got to Deals Gap and found a very cool metal statue of a Dragon; something I didn't notice the 2 years before.

Snapped a picture and onto the Cherahola Skyway!! This is an absolutely georgeous road; a few tight turns, but mostly sweeping curves around the Smoky Mountains. Be prepared to spend a little time on this road, especially if you want to pull off now and again for a Kodak moment. Its beautiful and majestic. But, as

with all good things, they must come to a end. I finish up the Cherahola and bee-line it to the rally just in time for lunch, a cold one and some rally fun... but that's ANOTHER story!

- S P Y D Y R M i k e -



From the Editor

So today was the Scootin' Through the South poker run., and I rode my own bike for the first time. Everyone gave me positive feedback. It felt good and it meant a lot. Thank you for everyone being patient with me and giving me engorgement. I have to say I have some really good friends. Thank you all so much!

-Teresa Wright-
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Linda's Texas Trip

My trip for this year was supposed to be to California to visit friends, but I ended up riding to Del Rio, Texas instead. My son, Brian and daughter in law, Kathryn, were expecting their first child on April 28th. So I decided it wouldn't be a big deal if I rode down there. They have 2 cars, just in case I needed to take her to hospital while Brian was at work.

Kathryn had been keeping me informed how she was feeling and it seemed that she was going to give birth early. So I packed up the bike and left April 19 instead of the 21st like I originally planned.

That morning it was about 45 degrees so I layered on the clothes and riding gear (and my helmet!) figuring that I could take it off the further south I rode. Ha! I rode all the way to Greenville, TX with all the gear on! I had to stop several times to get a cup of coffee and warm up. When I reached my hotel I realized I had stayed there before and didn't like it the first time. I now make sure that I check hotel reviews before making a reservation. In fact I joined Trip Advisor and review every hotel that I stay at so I can warn others.

In the morning I had to put all my riding gear back on, it was still pretty chilly only 100 miles east of Houston. I rode almost to Del Rio before I could take off my leather jacket! It seems that Texas was having a cold snap! Once at the kid's house the bike sat while we watching Kathryn for signs that she'd soon give birth. Five days later, while she and I were out shopping her water broke and my newest grandchild, Samantha, was born.

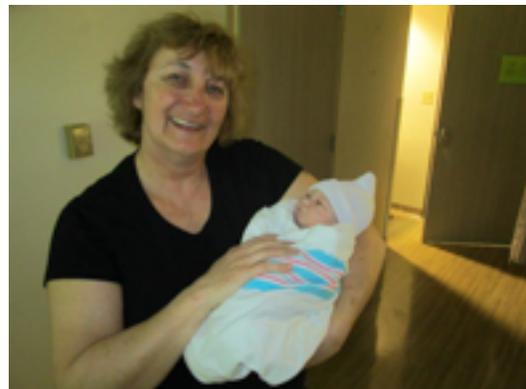
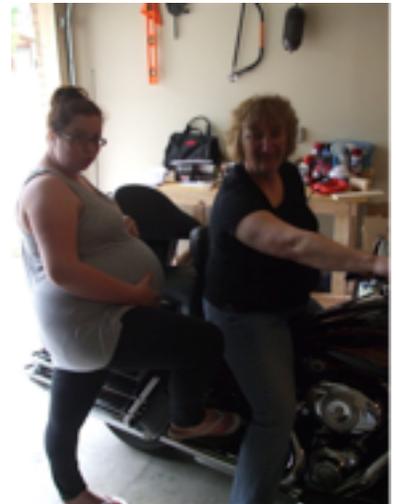
I stayed with the new family four more weeks while they got into a schedule with the new baby. When I left I wasn't sure how far I would be able to ride as the cold snap was over and temperatures were rising. Brian had told me that the Motel 6 in Texarkana, Texas was nice and I thought if I could make it that far my ride home would be shorter. The hotel was okay and I'd probably stay there again as the price was very reasonable. I made good time

until I got on I-40 east of Little Rock, there I ran into road construction. Big time road construction, down to one lane and stop and go for almost 45-60 minutes! Once I was stopped long enough to get off the bike, take off my jacket and stow it before the traffic moved a few feet.

A few miles from home, it started to sprinkle. I thought that I'd get wet for sure but the rain stopped and the roads were dry, whew! Lucky me, other than being cold and a light sprinkle I had a great ride of 2,200 miles.

Linda Jacob

PS. I could have worked on my ABC's of Touring on this trip but I decided that 2012 was my last year for that. I ended up with 102 points and thought that was pretty good until I got the list of winners. The winner had over 200 points, tough to compete with that!



MY FIRST MDA RIDE

If you didn't attend this year's MDA ride you really missed out. First, I know the weather scared several folks away and I was even concerned to the point, I purchased a new helmet to protect my face if it rained (I'd rather wear my half helmet). Anyway, we got our briefing and instructions from road captain Ron Wiley and set off on the cloudy day.

It was a nice, well-paced ride through the south heading over to Chester with just a sprinkle. We arrived to Chester and the skies opened up and were BRIGHT. The clouds disappeared and we had a beautiful sunshine filled afternoon. We all removed the rain gear and geared up for the ride into the "new" MDA campsite. Ron did a wonderful job in making the plans and taking us through some very nice roads.

We arrived right on schedule and were greeted by the counselors and several campers who were still registering. The camp staff told us about the new facility and how this new location provides them the opportunity to actually have MORE campers there each year. They shared with us about the number of campers and staff needed to assist these kids.



After telling us about the camp, they took us on a tour of the place which includes a lake, inside pool, large dining facility and two new sleeping quarters. They only had one level of the new quarters opened which can hold up to 40 kids. They are working on the upper level which again will house 40 kids giving the one building the ability to keep these kids all together. The best part is that this building was fully furnished to meet their needs including a large bathroom area and special showers for the kids,

sleeping quarters, and even a gathering place where the kids could watch TV, play video games, etc. The



best part is that this is also air conditioned (something they didn't have before).

It was such a blessing to see the kids and also the workers who give of themselves to spend time with kids and help out. They use a large number of volunteer's and told us that they are always looking for

"extra" help. All you have to be is over 16 and willing to help the kids.

There are so many kids and so much love to share. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the great food spread. It was a buffet line and they really know how to feed these kids and us too. It was excellent and very well organized.

The kids LOVED the bikes and wanted pictures of them. There were even a couple young ladies who had the opportunity to sit on one for a picture.

I would highly encourage EVERYONE to make this trip even if it's just once. The kids have so much love and have a great time in meeting us. I want to finish by acknowledging Ron Wiley who raised the most for this years event. He won by raising a total of \$725 dollars for this great fund. I look forward to challenging him next year to see if I can raise more monthly for this cause

Ride Safe and remember, you can touch someone just by being there.

-Steve White-



STONE CELTS H.O.G. CHAPTER
MEETING
JUNE 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Jim at 7:30.

Jim introduced Jeff Pettenger, who is an instructor at St Louis Community College at Forest Park. He said that the value of the course is not to teach you how to ride but to practice properly and way to grade yourself. Also the advanced class is good BRC every year. The Basic Bonding is for additional skills. The Ultimate Bonding is done on your own bike. The ARC has theory in the classroom and six hours of riding. He passed out flyers on the class. He also stated that if the chapter could get enough people that want their own class and his schedule will allow they will do one just for chapter members.

The following officers and assistants were present: Jim Clindaniel, Dir; John Sambo, Asst. Dir; Joe Ernst, Treasurer; Judy Davis, Secretary; Mike Holas, Activities; Charlie McIntosh, Asst. Activities; Teresa Wright, Editor; Todd Chamblin, Safety Officer; Mike Williams, Asst. Safety Officer; Ron Wiley, Head Road Capt; Brian Wright, Asst. Head Road Capt; Shelley Wiley, Membership; John Hightower, Photographer; Bill Guile, Asst. Photographer; Kevin Turner, Historian; Donetta Calderon, SCRC.

The following officer was absent: Chuck Rutherford, Webmaster.

Officer Reports:

Asst Director, John: An e-mail went out asking that anyone that would like to carry the chapter flag in the parade at Milwaukee to, please e-mail him by Jun 26.. The parade will be on Aug 31.

He also said that there was no meeting to select the location of the 2014 IL Rally. Quincy was the only place that was submitted.

Treasurer, Joe: The treasurer's report was given and approved.

Secretary, Judy: Announced that the minutes from the May Chapter meeting are on the Chapter web site. A motion was made to accept the minutes and was approved.

Membership, Shelly: Stated that there are 143 members and two new members this evening; Elizabeth and Steven Odom.

Activities, Mike: The riders will be meeting at Frieze HD. Friday Night Live is Jun 21, volunteers are needed. Jun 22 is SCRC Ride 2, Marty Eckhard is the road captain, the ride plan is on the web page. The riders will be meeting at the Apple Tree for breakfast and then will have lunch at the Branding Iron in St Louis. The dinner ride is at Silver Creek, meeting at the dealer KSU at 5, with 50/50 sold at the dealer. Jun 23 is Scootin through the South. Volunteers need to be at the dealership at 1015. This is our chapter fund raiser. Jun 28-29 Schimpf Candy Factory, Mike Thomas and Jose Calderon are your road captains. Jul 6-7 Paducah

KY/Garden of the Gods ride with Jim Clindaniels as your road captain. Jul 13 Peach ride, Bob Creel will be the road captain.

Safety, Todd: Said to read the newsletter it is about riding with passengers. He said that everything that Jeff said is true.

Head Road Captain, Ron: Next month the plan is to have some role playing on group riding.

Photographer, John: New chapter members need to have their pictures taken for the web site next month.

Historian, Kevin: Want to put an album together for the chapter and asked that anyone that old photos from previous years, please consider giving them to him to be included in the album.

SCRC, Donetta: The SCRC committee will be cooking the food for the Friday Night Live Jun 21. She also said that she is working with a company designing a chapter t-shirt that will be available in orange, gold and pink. The shirt will be unisex sizing.

Next she announced the members that are receiving their 2013 rocker. The rocker is presented once you have earned 800 points in the Riders Challenge Book. Those members include the following: Shelly Wiley, Mike Holas, Bonnie Holas, Bryan Doyle, Bob Plant, Mike Williams, Jim Clindaniel, Charlie "Hoppy" Hopkins, and Tammy Hightower.

Jim said the question of the month is would you like a Hot Line number. You would be able to call the number to find out if rides had been cancelled or the times changed, etc.

Dealership, Maria:

Jun 14-16 Coupon Days

Jun 21 First Friday Night Live! There will also be a bike show with trophies being awarded

Jun 29 Test-Ride & Trade Up

Tour

Jul 4 Closed

Jul 19 Friday Night Live

Jul 20 PT/Penthouse Poker

Run.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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meeting. We meet at the dealership unless otherwise announced. The 50/50 tickets are only available before departure.

Visit our chapter website stoneceltshog.com for Pictures, Calendar of Events, and other interesting information.



FYI

Million Mile Monday is the 24 of June so:

The H.O.G. Mileage Program awards pins and patches just for racking up a lot of miles on your Harley-Davidson® motorcycle.

