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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Jim Clindaniel

The monthly article from our director

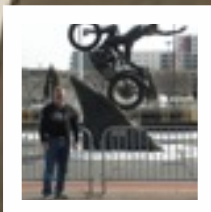
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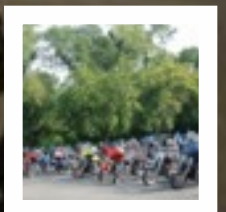
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Important Information

Dinner Rides



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 kick stands up.

Our Website



Visit our chapter website
www.stoneceltshog.com
for pictures, event sign up,
question of the month, and much
more.

Director's Notes

What a way to begin 2014!!! We went from a very nice turnout for the Polar Bear ride to sub zero temperatures and multiple inches of snow. Well, we can certainly hope for an early spring. After all, the days are already getting more daylight and before we know it, we will be off and riding.

I am very excited about the New Year and the future of the Stone Celts. Every year we have some changes in our officer positions. I would like to say Thank you to the following people that are stepping down after serving our chapter: Joe Ernst, Todd Chamblin and Kevin Turner. We appreciate your time, energy and talents. By the same token, we welcome new people to our officer group. Some have been officers but are changing positions: Mel Rahn (Assistant Activities), Rick Hayden (Historian), Rob Etherton (Assistant Webmaster), Mary McIntyre (photographer), Mark Swarm (photographer), Donetta Calderon (Treasurer), Brian Wright (Assistant Safety Officer) and Timi Swarm (SCRC).

We have already had our 2014 calendar planning meeting and we have taken a lot of the feedback from all of you to



develop our rides. There are fewer over night rides and they are spread out a little bit. We tried to keep it to two per month. We added some new destinations and kept some of the favorites. Look for more information as we start assigning Road Captains and developing Ride Plans.

Remember, the best way to make changes in OUR chapter is to get involved. There will be some great opportunities to get involved as we set up small Activity groups to work on specific events (chapter picnic, all chapter ride, cancer ride and others). This chapter is only as good as the people in it and how much effort we all want to put forth. So get up, get involved so we can all **RIDE AND HAVE FUN!!**

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Check It Out



Would you feel safe flying on a plane if you heard this conversation between the pilot and copilot?

“Let’s skimp on the checklists today. The plane looks safe enough.”

“Tires?”

“They didn’t look flat so the pressure is probably OK.”

“Lights?”

“The ones I can see from here work.”

“Oil?”

“It was fine last week.”

“Brakes?”

“We have two—I’m sure at least one works.”

“Windshield?”

“It’s not all that dirty.”

“I only slept four hours last night so let’s not waste any more time here. Let’s fly this baby!”

You might think twice about going on the trip at all if your pilots weren’t interested enough in safety to do a proper checklist.

Is piloting a bike that’s carrying your spouse any less important? You know the answer.

Tires need the correct pressure to prevent overheating and excessive wear. Not looking flat isn’t enough. The only way to know the pressure is right is to use a tire gauge. Check the tires while cold. Write down the correct pressure for your tires, and keep it in the bike.

Lights are something we don’t think about until one goes out that we can see from the rider’s seat. Yet the taillight is what lets the car behind you see you before he runs over you. The co-rider can easily check the brake lights, taillights, and turn signals while you sit on the bike and push a few buttons.

How important is your oil? No, you don’t check the oil by looking at the engine temperature gauge. There is a convenient dipstick made just for that purpose. Don’t be a dipstick; use the one on the bike.

Always using both brakes to stop or slow is the proper way to use brakes but the wrong way to check them. If one of three brakes starts getting weak, the other two will hide this fact. Try using only the brake lever to check the one front brake that the lever operates. Then you will have an idea how that brake is working. Using only the brake pedal with an integrated braking system uses two brakes—one front and the rear. Testing the brake pedal this way makes it easier to know whether one of these two brakes is not up to par. Of course the best way to check out all three brakes is during the bike’s regular service.

Perhaps the windshield is the easiest of all to check. You can look at it as you are walking up to the bike. Are those bug spots you see? It takes only a minute or so to clean them off. They may be only an annoyance in the daytime, but you need all the visibility you can get at night. Another time a dirty windshield really shows up is when you head directly into the sun. That’s when you’ll really wish you’d taken an extra minute or two to clean your windshield. When you have your cleaner out to clean your windshield, you might also clean your faceshield and your glasses.

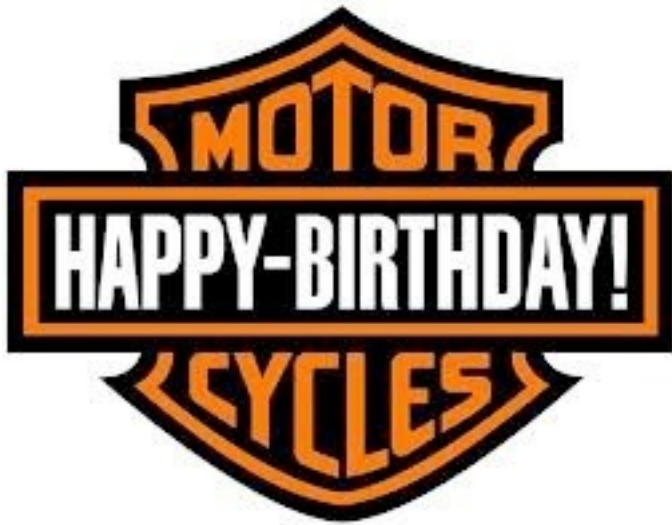
Then the whole world will look cleaner. Your bike’s checklist should be something you use before every ride, just as a pilot uses his before every flight.

Check it out!

By: Robert Vaughan

Welcome New Members

Diana Etherton
Robert Etherton
Michael Mawson
Guyla Mawson



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jose Calderon	21
Karen Depping	15
Darla Eckhard	14
Leo "Bill" Fever	04
Robert Gibson	27
Sidney Horn	12

Wayne Lacey	26
Lisa Hanser-McIntosh	14
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Photo of the Month



The new Historian (Rick Hayden) showing off the old Belleville Chapter T-Shirt

Stone Celts H.O.G Chapter Meeting

January 15, 2014

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

The following officers were present Jim Clindaniel, Director; Mike Holas, Asst. Director; Donetta Caldron, Treasurer; Judy Davis, Secretary; Charlie McIntosh, Activities; Mel Rahn, Asst. Activities; Teresa Wright, Editor; Mike Williams, Safety Officer; Ron Wiley, Head Road Capt; Shelley Wiley, Membership; Chuck Rutherford, Webmaster; Rob Etherton, Asst. Webmaster; Rick Hayden, Historian; Bill Guile, Photographer; and Mark Swarm, Photographer, and Timi Swarm, SCRC.

The following officers were absent Brian Wright, Asst. Safety Officer, John Hightower, Asst. Photographers, and Mary McIntyre, Photographer.

Dealership: Jenny and Maria

Jim welcomed everyone to the new year of 2014 and a new year

to ride. He introduced and thanked Joe Ernst, Treasurer; Todd Chamblin, Safety Officer; and Kevin Turner for their time they held in their respective positions. He then introduced and welcomed new officer to include Mel Rahn, Rick Hayden, Rob Etherton, Mary McIntyre and Mark Swarm. He explained that we now have assistant officers to help out and back fill. The reason for having four photographers is so that the events are spread around and no one feels like they are obligated to attend all events to take pictures.

Asst Director, Mike told us that the Bi-State Committee met and that the Stone Celts will be the hosting chapter for the Bi-State Rodeo this year. He will have more details to follow later in the year. Also, he will be looking for an area to hold the rodeo.

Head Road Capt, Ron introduced and asked all the road captains to please stand. They included Jim Clindaniel, Rick Cooper,

Marty Eckhard, Todd Chamblin, Mike Holas, Pat Savoy, Rick Hayden, Mark Atkins, John Hightower, Carl Rahn, Charlie McIntosh, and Steve White. He also stated that there would be a road captains meeting prior to the dinner ride on 22 Feb at the dealer. He will send out an e-mail with the start time.

At this point Jim said to notice there are no female road captains. He further stated that if there is any female rider that would like to be a road captain to, please feel free to let him or Ron know. He also said that earlier in the month that the primary officers and few others met to do the planning for the year. He said that they tried very hard to do only two over-night rides per month.

Membership, Shelley, she said that it is very difficult to know the total members since it is the beginning of the year and membership dues are due now through 31 Mar. She said that there are 154 members



currently. She also noted that the dues have increased to \$20. She also said that when paying your dues to please make sure that your National HOG is valid and paid. She said that there are two new members. They are Kim Atkins and Theresa Petrilla.

Secretary, Judy reported that there were no minutes for December due to the Christmas Party. Motion was made to accept the report, motion seconded and approved.

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Photographer, Bill requested that new members come up during the break to have the photos taken for the web site and also the new officers to have theirs taken.

Activities, Charlie announced that he has some name tags that were ordered and paid for, please pick them up at the table in front.

18 Jan

Dinner Ride to Texas Road House, we will meet at the dealership at 3:30 p. m., 50/50 tickets will be sold there and then we will proceed to the restaurant at 4:00 p. m.

22 Jan will be volunteer gathering for pizza, appetizers and non-alcohol beverages at Shenanigans in Belleville.

24 Jan Frieze-ing Indoor Bike Night at Frieze. Need to two volunteers to sell 50/50 tickets.

30 Jan SCRC committee meeting at

the KC in Collinsville at 6:30 pm.

Editor, Teresa said the format for the newsletter has changed. She also reminded everyone that even though the weather is not cooperating to allow us to ride that you can still write articles for the newsletter.

Safety, Mike said that he will be adding safety features to the web site.

Web Master, Chuck said that the Question of the Month, "When would you like the Christmas Party to be; Dec 6 or 13?"

Dealership, Maria said that she had two officer awards and called Bill Guile and Pat Savoy forward to receive their plaque. She also said that she had a few tote bags left that volunteers had not picked up.

She announced events happening in Jan to include:

17 - 19 Jan Coupon Days from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

24 Jan Frieze-ING Indoor Bike Night, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

26 Jan Thunder Alley Motorcycle Swap Meet at the St Clair County Fairgrounds.

Historian, Rick started his report by removing his outer shirt to reveal the t-shirt that the chapter had while Frieze was located in Belleville. He then told the members that when the dealer moved to

O'Fallon in Sep of 2007 there was a contest to select the name of the chapter and Marty Eckhard won with the name being the Stone Celts. He went on to tell us that the first Polar Bear Ride to New Athens he attended was on 1 Jan 2008 and the Riders Challenge was formed in 2008. He then went on to tell us that on this day 71 years ago Joe Ernst was 10 days old.

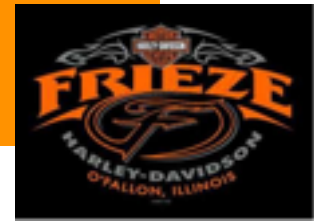
SCRC, Timi said that she still has a few Riders Challenge books to be picked up by the owners. She said that sponsors were coming in very slowly and that there are approximately 30 paid to date. With that being said normally the cut-off date for sponsors would be today 15 Jan; however, the time is being extended to 30 Jan. She then told everyone that the only points that can be collected prior to the books being sold are the following: Polar Bear Ride, Jan dinner ride, Jan meeting and visit the dealers. The books will be assembled on 15 Feb. Details with the time and place will be announced in an e-mail.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 pm.

-Judy Davis,
Secretary-

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Up Coming Events



February

- 14** Shop at Frieze and get 14% off storewide
- 19** Chapter Meeting
- 22** Ready to Ride workshop (begins at 11am)
African American Rider's Heritage Celebration
Dinner Ride
- 28** Frieze-ing Indoor Bike Night

March

- 08** Hartbauer/McBride Trivia Night
- 15** Wearing of the Green
Women's Garage Party
- 16** Wearing of the Green
- 19** Chapter Meeting
- 21-23** Coupon Days at Frieze
- 22** New Members' Orientation
Dinner Ride
- 28** Frieze-ing Indoor Bike Night
- 29** SCRC Ride #1