



Stone Celts Newsletter

July - August 2018

Sponsored by Frieze Harley-Davidson

DIRECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Summer is here! The sun comes out...so do Harley's and great rides! Yes, folks we are in full swing of the summer riding season. We have had some great Bi-State Chapter rides hosted by St Charles, Kirkwood, and Bourbouse Valley chapters. We had great participation from our Stone Celts chapter for these events. Speaking of Chapter Rides, our Elks Ride is just around the corner on September 15th. This is our Bi-State Chapter Ride, so tell all your friends who ride to come on out and have some fun while helping children thru the Elks Club Foundation.

Our Chapter have had some great rides already this year and have had a little something for everyone. There are lots of SCRC points to be collected. So, don't forget to take your book. July there are three riding events to include the Grist Mill ride July 27-29th, plus bike nights and dealer events. There are several members going on the Westward HOG Colorado ride August 3-13th. This is a 10-day trip to Colorado and several other destinations out west for some awesome riding! We also have August 10-12th Nashville Tennessee Music City ride. Guaranteed to be some great riding and a lot of fun! So, don't miss out and be on the lookout for the Connie Fair's weekly chapter activities email. On a safety note, the temperatures are really heating up so make sure you stay hydrated. Be vigilant and keep an eye on each other while riding. Make extra stops if you need too on those long trips. Be Safe and enjoy your 4th of July. Summer is here, so WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!!!! Get out there and log some miles. Remember to Ride Safe and Have Fun

Cary Williams, Director



OUR WEBSITE

Visit our chapter website www.stoneceltshog.com for calendar of events, event sign-up, ride plans, newsletters and much more.

EVENT SIGN-UP

For planning purposes, please ensure you go to the website and sign up for the rides/events...one name per line.

DINNER RIDES

Dinner Rides held monthly on the Saturday following the Chapter Meeting. Kick stands up from the dealer at 5:00pm. 50/50 tickets available at the dealer only.

BIKE NIGHT

Frieze Harley-Davidson and South Gate Saloon
Every Thursday
6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
4350 State Rt. 161 E

FRIEZE HARLEY-DAVIDSON



- July
- Jul 2-3 – Pre-4th of July Sale
 - Jul 4 – CLOSED
 - Jul 14 – Open House & Bikini Bike Wash
 - Jul 27 – Bike Night at Hot Shots in O’Fallon
 - Jul 28 – Blood Drive
 - Jul 31 – Bike Night at Hofbrauhaus

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS



- July
- Jul 14 – Cambridge House Ride #2
 - Jul 18 – Chapter Meeting
 - Jul 21 – Dinner Ride (Rustic Oak Cabin Steakhouse)
 - Jul 27-29 – Grist Mill Ride

- August
- Aug 3-12 – Colorado Ride
 - Aug 10-12 – Nashville, TN
 - Aug 15 – Chapter Meeting
 - Aug 18 – Dinner Ride (The Office Bar & Grill)
 - Aug 19 – Hartbauer/McBride Poker Ride
 - Aug 29-Sep 3 – H-D 115th Anniversary Celebration (Milwaukee, WI)





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Brandy Kaminsky

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Shelly Wiley

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Ron Wiley



MEMBERSHIP



Welcome to Our New Members



No new members.



July

Steven Madura – July 8
Debra Goretzke – July 23

August

Connie Fair – August 6
Jerry Hancock – August 7
Chris LaFrance – August 25
Gary Kloth – August 29



SAFETY



Sorry, no submission for this month.



HISTORIAN



Harley Owners Group (Part 2)

May 16, 2018

by Bill Beckemeyer

Chapter Historian

Harley-Davidson created Harley Owners Group in 1983 with the intent that local chapters would be formed. Russ Frieze of Frieze Harley-Davidson submitted a charter application in 1985, and it was approved one week later. That was the birth of Belleville HOG, chapter #0972. There were 6 original charter members in the chapter in which Bob Triplett was the director from 1985 through '87. This is the oldest chapter in the St. Louis area and one of the oldest in the entire state of Illinois.

In 2007 our sponsoring dealer, Frieze Harley-Davidson, moved into the new state-of-the-art building at 1560 North Green Mount Rd. in O'Fallon. This move called for a name change from Belleville HOG to something else. O'Fallon HOG seemed a little too generic, so chapter members submitted possible names for the new location. Marty Eckhard's submission of Stone Celts won out as the new name. He explained how the name, Stone Celts, tied in with the history of the area. By the way, Marty has been a continuous member of the chapter since 2002, only to be surpassed in longevity by Pete Murphy and yours truly.

So, here we are, Stone Celts, 33 years later. A lot of fun times have been had over the years. There are a couple of things that really stand out in my chapter memoirs. Like: when we hosted the Illinois State Rally in 2010, and the advent or creation of the Riders Challenge program. It's been a fun ride to say the least; I've enjoyed every moment.

In closing I'll just say, "Let's ride and have fun, and oh yeah — let's eat"



Lap 5

June 20, 2018

by Bill Beckemeyer

Chapter Historian

A lifelong friend of mine, Franklin Smith, lost his battle to cancer December 29, 2017. Franklin and I had been friends for many, many years, and I've known his wife, Judy, her entire life. Chapter members who are also in the Patriot Guard remember them. Franklin and Judy both rode Harleys, and all who knew them cherished their friendship. Judy still rides when time allows a break from her duties as mayor of Carlyle.

One of Franklin's favorite motorcycle events was the Springfield Mile, which takes place every Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend. This past Memorial Day, Franklin and Judy's longtime dear friends, Lynn and Betty Hawkins, sponsored Lap 5 of the 25 lap feature race in Franklin's memory. Ironically, on lap 5 Lynn and Betty's favorite rider, Jeffrey Carver, Jr., took the lead.

Jeffrey's hometown is Godfrey, IL, and he was up against the top AMA hot shoes in the nation. He was still in the lead at the end of lap 5, but I really thought that several of the top riders would line up end-to-end and "freight train" or blow right on by him — it never happened. Once he broke away from the pack there was no running him down — he was just gone!

Now, I've seen a lot of Springfield Mile races over the years. Usually there are numerous lead changes throughout the race, and maybe 2 or 3 lead changes on the final lap. You hardly ever see someone run away with it — especially someone that's never won a mile race, much less on the Holy Grail of mile tracks — Springfield. Number 23, Jeffrey Carver, Jr., ran away from the field. He took the lead on lap 5; it was like he had the divine spirit or an angel riding with him. Well, maybe he did — just maybe he did.

Franklin aboard his H-D K model that he converted into a vintage KR flat-tracker



#23 Jeffrey Carver takes the lead on lap 5 at the 2018 Memorial Day Springfield Mile





MEMBER'S ARTICLES



Motorcycle Poetry

by Mike Fair

There's one thing the Stone Celts don't have and that's a poet laureate. And since it's not an official title and no one else has claimed it, I hereby declare myself the unofficial official poet laureate of the Stone Celts! I have always liked poetry and to make a long story short, later in life, I began to enjoy a certain kind of poetry-cowboy poetry! Give it a try. You can find many cowboy poets on YouTube.

I wondered that since there was cowboy poetry might there be motorcycle poetry as well. Lo and behold there is. I bought a book of motorcycle poetry and began reading it. It was not nearly as good as cowboy poetry. I wasn't very impressed with it. Here's a sample. See if you agree with me.

Motorcycles Are Fun

By AgentDrex

My father and I

On his motorcycle riding

Through the rain

Or

Riding through the wind

Carrying nothing but our love for the road

Yet

Can anyone who has ever

Lived

Ever

See

Anything but the road while

Riding

Every day

Forging a biker's Utopia?

Never!

Okay that is an example of motorcycle poetry. What do you think? After reading a good deal of motorcycle poetry I thought I would like to give it a try. So I did and now I would like to share with you a motorcycle poem I composed some time ago. It is yet unpublished, but it does carry copyright infringement penalties so don't try to use it without crediting me. (lol) Here it goes.

Motorcycle Poetry con't

Ready to Ride
by Mike Fair

Where are you riding?
Oh, I don't know.
West, I guess.

Who's riding with you?
I don't know.
Anyone who wants to go, I guess.

When are you riding?
Don't know.
Now I guess.

Why are you riding?

There now. Isn't that fun? Try your hand at it. Give it a shot. I myself am composing a book of motorcycle poems. I'll let you know when it comes out!

Why ride a motorcycle?

by Shelly Wiley

Chapter Membership

WHY RIDE A MOTORCYCLE? RIDING IS SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T HAVE TO DO, BUT RATHER FEEL COMPELLED TO—FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF REASONS RANGING FROM PASSION TO PRACTICALITY. HERE ARE A FEW OF THOSE REASONS.

1. For the Thrill of It:

One of the most distinct things about riding is that nothing feels quite like a motorcycle the thrill of being at one with a two-wheeled machine that weighs only a few hundred pounds is one of the purest ways to get from point A to B, and the risks involve sometimes even heighten that enjoyment.

Perhaps Robert Pirsig said it best in *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*:

"You're completely in contact with it all. You're in the scene, not just watching it anymore, and the sense of presence is overwhelming."

2. Saving at the Pump:

It may have taken record fuel prices to put motorcycles into the mainstream consciousness, but the fact that bikes can get more than double the fuel economy of cars makes them serious money savers, whether or not prices stay high.

With some many bikes achieving 60-70 miles per gallon and some scooters pushing 100+ mpg, it's no wonder so many commuters choose to get to work on two wheels.

3. Easy Parking:

Laugh in the face of bulky SUVs forced to squeeze into tiny parking spots! Because most places of business have designated motorcycle parking, running errands on a bike is eminently easier than driving—and many parking lots allow bikes in for free.

4. Camaraderie:

If you're a rider you know all about "the wave," the pointed finger or wave of the hand that acknowledges another rider as he or she passes.

Motorcyclists often feel like they belong to a big community, and that sensation gives us something in common; we share a bond that sets us apart from the rest of the motoring world.

5. Individuality:

In spite of the fact that motorcyclists are a part of a big group, we also tend to be more individualistic than the next person. Whether that's expressed through our personal style or the way we trick out our bikes, motorcycling can be an outlet through which we can reveal our personalities.

Why ride a motorcycle? con't

6. Low Environmental Act:

Whether or not you care about your carbon footprint, motorcycles are efficient forms of transportation that impact the environmental minimally. And even if you ride just for the thrill of it, there's nothing wrong with being a little kind to Mother Nature every once in a while.

7. Ease of Commuting:

Not only are motorcycles allowed in most High Occupancy Vehicle lanes, in Texas and California they're allowed to ride between lanes. Chances are that a bike will get you to work sooner, and you'll also arrive more exhilarated than you would have in a car.

8. Mind Boggling Performance for Less Than Fifteen Thousand:

This point is bittersweet; though it's equalizing that a person riding a \$13,000 motorcycle can keep pace with a million dollar Ferrari, it can also be enormously dangerous. So while motorcycles are performance bargains that offer more performance for dollar than virtually any other vehicle, it's best to explore these limits on a track.

9. Let's Face It, Bikes Are Cool:

There's something about motorcyclists, isn't there? When a guy or a gal walks into a restaurant with a helmet under arm, they invariably exude a swagger and a sense of cool that just isn't the same as rolling up in a car. Whether or not you're looking for the Peter Fonda or Brad Pitt effect, motorcycles take you one step closer to cool.

10. Escape and Adventure:

What better way to escape than on a motorcycle? The sense of freedom feels complete on two wheels, and riding doesn't transport you to a destination; it is the destination.



SECRETARY



Stone Celts Chapter Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2018

Judy Davis

Chapter Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Charlie at 7:30 pm. He said it was the changing of the guard tonight and the new Director is Cary. Charlie thanked all the officers for helping him during his time as the Director. With that being said Cary proceeded to thank Charlie for leading the Chapter for the past 2 years and then presented him with a gift. Cary then announced the new officers as Ron as Assistant Director, Connie as Activities, Steve Walker as Assistant Activities, Jerry as Safety, Bonnie as Treasurer, Mike Davenport as Web Master, Brandy as Editor, Judy as Secretary, Marty as Head Road Captain, Pat Savoy as Assistant Head Road Captain, Bill Guile as Photographer, Shelly as Membership, Bill Beckemeyer as Historian and Theresa as SCRC. Cary then said if anyone was planning to go to the 115th Anniversary at Harley they need to get their reservations in soon before all the rooms are gone.

May 20 Fisher House Ride sign up at Frieze from 10 – 11:30.

May 25 – 28 West Virginia Ride, KSU 7:00 am from Troy Family Restaurant, road capt Marty Eckhard.

Jun 3 Bourbouse Valley HOG Mystery Ride, KSU 9:00 am at the Diner, road capt Mike Williams/Steve Walker.

Jun 9 Cambridge House O'Fallon

Theresa, SCRC Still taking orders for T-shirts and selling Riders Challenge Books.

James, Dealer: Frieze will be at Southgate Saloon for Bike Night on weekly on Thur; Bike Night at Hot Shots on May 16, Bike Night at Hofbrauhaus on Jun 6. Frieze H-D Birthday Celebrations on 19 May. 20 May Veterans Ride to support Fisher House. 26 May E-recycling at the Dealership. 25-26 May Coupon Days at the Dealer. Closed on 28 May.

Bill, Historian the full story of HOG Part II found in the newsletter.

Jerry, Safety, Jerry had an excellent safety briefing with graphics. It was very emotional for Jerry since it happened to him. Read the full report in the newsletter.

Theresa, SCRC said that the following members will receive their rockers tonight: Joe Ernest, Scott Merrill, Lisa McIntosh, Steve Payne and Bill Guile.

Marty Eckhard won the U-Turn badge for the month.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:40.

Stone Celts Chapter Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2018

Judy Davis

Chapter Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Cary. He asked who rode and where did they ride. Several members rode and told about their adventures, some went to Laconia Bike Rally, others when to Canada, Las Vegas, and every point in between. Cary asked if we had any new members or guests. We had two guests one had won a 50/50 at previous event that we had and the other was Karen Depping. Karen shared what she has been doing since the passing of her husband Al last year. She said that is selling the H-D trike that he had purchased shortly before his death.

Cary said that Rob Buecker is the new assistant web master and we are still in need of an assistant safety officer. Ron said that he is going to chair the Elks Children's Charity Ride this year and is in need of people to help with the committee. This year's ride will be a guided ride by the road captains. Connie and Steve will be helping

Ron with the planning of the ride. Ron said if you plan to go the 115th Anniversary at H-D you need to get your reservations in now. The Hotel contract fell through but Ron is trying to secure rooms. He also asked if anyone was interested in doing the parade; you need two people one to ride the other the passenger will hold the chapter flag. He said that if no chapter member wants to do it that Shelly and he would do it.

Shelly said we have 75 members.

Connie Activities. The Marcoot Jersey Creamery Ride was cancelled due to extreme heat. Dinner ride to Rail Shake KSU 5:00 pm dealership. 30 Jun Cambridge House O'Fallon 11:00 am. Jul 14 Cambridge House Swansea 10:00 am. John Mikes has put together a ride going to Hamel and then Weezy's after the Cambridge House event.

Ron said that several of the chapter members want to do the Ride To The Wall next year. Pat Savoy then told us about his riding with them for the past 4 years. He said that if they chose to do it, he will help them in whatever way he can.

Theresa, SCRC said that the committee is still taking orders for T-shirts. She said there are no rockers to be presented tonight.

James shared with us that he is leaving Frieze at the end of the month and introduced Cindy who will be his replacement. 23-30 Jun Bike Night Poker Run, you will have to participate in all Bike Nights that Frieze H-D sponsors. 2-3 Jul Pre 4th of Jul sale. 14 Jul Swansea Cambridge House. 21 Jul Fallen Police Officer Ride (Frieze is the starting point). 21 Jul Responder Rescue Ride. 28 Jul Noon to 4:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive.

Bill, Historian, Springfield Mile, Lap 5 see full details in the newsletter.

Jerry, Safety Target Fixation see the full report in the newsletter.

Brandy, Editor articles due 25 Jun.

This month's award winner for the names tags of U-Turn and Pokey is Mike Williams.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48.