



Stone Celts Newsletter

February – March 2020

Sponsored by Green Mount Road Harley-Davidson

DIRECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Director's Corner

I'm really happy to serve you as your chapter director. I would like to thank all returning officers and add a special thanks to our new officers for 2020. We have a great group and we have few changes coming for the members in 2020. We have some fresh ideas for the chapter meetings that I hope the word will get out to get more participation and attendance at the meetings. Our SCRC committee is busy working on some new challenges for the 2020 riders challenge book. So get your book at the February meeting.

The 2020 calendar for the year has some nice overnight rides and a few local rides to get some ice cream and enjoy some of the local cuisine. Did I mention we are not responsible for any weight gain?! We did leave some time for members to do rides they wish and have some family time.

HOG has a new line up for riding Ride 365 in 2020. The first one is "50 Rides, 1 Nation", looking at the best rides in each of the 50 states. Second, is "10 Rides for '20", selecting 10 rides across the country each year. We added one of these rides to our calendar this year. "The Black Mountain" looks like this will be a nice ride. It will of course have Black Mountain Kentucky and a chapter favorite stay in Cookeville, Tennessee for Mexican and an apple fitter to die for. Additionally, we have several dealer events throughout the year and we will be calling on you to help support. I would like to encourage each of you, to get out and ride and participate in some of the chapter rides.

I also encourage each of you to fill out a mileage form and be sure to list your passenger to get your Ride 365 miles started for the 2020 year. Every mile ridden also adds to your individual total mileage. SO LOG those miles.

Be safe😊.

Let's Ride and Have fun!
Ron Wiley, Director
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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.

FACEBOOK

The chapter FB page is to be used only for the promotion of our chapter, dealership and other motorcycle related information, events and rides. Please do not post items for sale or anything unrelated to motorcycling. Members are encouraged to post or inquire about rides and motorcycling events.

DINNER RIDES

Dinner Rides held monthly on the Saturday following the Chapter Meeting. Kick stands up from the dealer at 5 pm.



GREEN MOUNT ROAD HARLEY-DAVIDSON



Green Mount Harley-Davidson roars into the 20's with a spectacular line-up of new & pre-owned bikes. With great incentives like "retail for trade" on new bikes, be sure to stop in and talk to our amazing sales staff about the details on qualifying motorcycles.

Adding to the excitement, we introduce Green Mount Road Motorsports. We are adding a showroom which will house an impressive line of Bombardier Recreational Products including:

1. Can-Am Off Road
2. Ryker
3. Spyder
4. Sea-Do

Be sure to check out our Green Mount Road Motorsports on social media. We really appreciate it when you like and share our content. Also, we are looking to staff the new branch with sales people and technicians.

Our very own online store, [shop greenmountroadhd.com](http://shop.greenmountroadhd.com) is open. Now you can order straight from us. An easy way to find our official store is to go to our website <https://www.greenmountroadhd.com> and link over from the drop down menu in the Motorclothes & Parts tabs.

New Staffers

Green Mount Road Harley-Davidson welcomes Ed Spurlock joined our Service Department.

Events

Feb 27 – Ladies Night Out



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS



February

- Feb 1 – Road Captain Meeting
- Feb 1 – Hartbauer-McBride Trivia Night (IL)
- Feb 4 – 2020 SCRC Riders Challenge Committee
- Feb 15 – Crown Candy Cage Ride
- Feb 19 – Chapter Meeting
- Feb 22 – Dinner Ride
- Feb 29 – Alton Hog Mouse Races



March

- Mar 8 – DST Ride
- Mar 14 – St. Patrick's Day Lunch Ride
- Mar 18 – Chapter Meeting
- Mar 21 – H-D Ride Planner Class
- Mar 21 – Dinner Ride
- Mar 21 – Hartbauer-McBride Trivia Night (MO)



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MEMBERSHIP

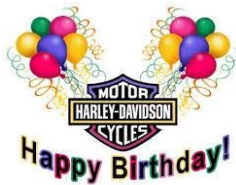


Welcome to Our New Members



John Bertram
 Michael Imes
 John McDonald
 Gerald Reed

Jessica Rhodes
 Gary Rosenberger
 Gregory Schmidt
 James Venn



February

Lisa McIntosh – Feb 14
 Gene Rickert – Feb 20
 Wayne Lacey – Feb 26

March

Freddie Schlotter – Mar 2
 William Simpson Jr. – Mar 3
 Pat Savoy – Mar 11
 Don Fleming – Mar 19
 Tony Christopher – Mar 25

**If your birthday is missed, please get with the Membership Officer (Mike Holas/Shelly Wiley) to update spreadsheet*



SAFETY



Advanced Rider Course (ARC)

January 15, 2020

By Jerry Hancock

Chapter Safety Officer

Spruce up your skills. Learn something new or learn a better way to do it. An Advanced Riding Course is a one-day, 8 ½ hour class that can hone your skills and is an enjoyable way to make you a better rider.

The Stone Celts HOG chapter has partnered with the Illinois Motorcycle Safety Program to bring you a chance to join other chapter members in participating in an Advanced Riding Course together with friends in your chapter.

The below information is provided to prepare you for what you will require to possess prior to taking the course.

Advanced Rider Course (ARC)

Participants will:

1. Increase skills, knowledge, safety awareness and enjoyment
2. Become familiar with motorcycle dynamics, survival strategies, emergency braking, counter steering and traction availability
3. Practice precise steering techniques and correct braking methods under controlled conditions with Motorcycle Safety Foundation certified instructors
4. Gain the knowledge necessary for further development of safe riding skills

Advanced Rider Course (ARC) Eligibility

ARC students must:

- Provide their own street-legal motorcycle or have the owner's written permission to use a borrowed street-legal motorcycle
- Have a motorcycle endorsement to ride the motorcycle used in the ARC
- Complete a waiver form and motorcycle safety inspection checklist (forms provided)
- Show proof of motorcycle insurance at first class meeting

Protective Clothing Requirements

Participants should bring protective clothing.

The following items are required:

- Sturdy, over-the-ankle footwear (not cloth or canvas; boots suggested)

Advanced Rider Course (ARC) con't

- Long pants
- Long-sleeve shirt or jacket
- Gloves that cover the entire hands
- Protective eyewear (any type of glasses that can be worn while operating a motorcycle/driving)
- DOT-approved helmet (must be at least three-quarter or full-face)

Licensing

A valid motorcycle license is required to take the ARC.

We have dates in May 2020 that we are attempting to secure now. Stay tuned for more information about dates, locations and how to sign up.



HISTORIAN



HOG...Past and Present

November 20, 2019

By Bill Beckemeyer

Chapter Historian

Harley-Davidson Motor Co. emerged from a dark cloud of corporate quicksand that stunted its growth in the '70s. The motor company regained its mojo following a landmark event in its history when a group of 13 executives bought the company back from the AMF Corp. in 1981. The buyback re-energized and refocused the fabled company on its strongest asset: the most loyal customers in the world.

Following the deal closure, executives celebrated by riding from York, Pennsylvania, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, meeting with and talking to dealers and Harley-Davidson enthusiasts along the way. The ride was more than just a celebration, the ride was a declaration of sorts — the Harley-Davidson brand was back.

The HOG concept was actually visualized a few years earlier during the company's 75th anniversary year, when Harley-Davidson execs organized a series of cross-country rides with different members of the management team. Willie G. Davidson said, "We saw it as a way to get out on the road, reconnect with customers, and have some fun." The seeds of the Harley Owners Group were sown.

HOG was officially launched on January 1, 1983, and the Harley Owners Group boasted more than 30,000 members in the first year. Today, there are 1,400 chapters world-wide and over one million members — ONE MILLION. Our Stone Celts chapter was first created in 1985 under the name of Belleville HOG with the sponsoring dealer being Frieze Harley-Davidson. In 2007 the chapter's name was changed to reflect the sponsoring dealer's new location. O'Fallon HOG seemed a little too generic, so chapter members submitted various possible chapter names. Marty Eckhard's submission of Stone Celts was chosen as the new name. Today our sponsoring dealer is Green Mount Road Harley-Davidson. Our chapter is the oldest in the St. Louis metro area and one of the oldest in the entire state of Illinois.

If you ride a Harley there are many benefits and perks to belonging to the Harley Owners Group. HOG offers many, many benefits to its members. There are also many intangible benefits to being a member of the Harley Owners Group, such as comradery, friendship, and the sense of belonging.

HOG is like a family... HOG IS FAMILY.



1903

January 15, 2020

By Bill Beckemeyer

Chapter Historian

There's something really special about nineteen-o-three.
'Twas the new birth of freedom, as a Harley came to be.
William Harley and Arthur Davidson were the ones it was said
to have built the very first Harley out back in a shed.

A few years later Arthur's brothers joined in;
William and Walter — of the Davidson kin.
A bigger factory was built, and the company grew.
How big it would get — not one of them knew.

New workers were hired; they'd weld and they'd sand.
Then paint was applied. It was all done by hand.
The quality standards were adhered to with pride,
as they still are today — just look at your ride.

If, somehow, the founders could see what's created today.
They'd be proud and delighted; beyond words you might say.
H-D, Incorporated — they're still doin' things right.
The Harley legend lives on, and there's no end in sight.



MEMBER'S ARTICLES



West to East...

By Charlie Hopkins

January 15, 2020

The first week of June we had a two-evaluation trip scheduled for Colorado Springs, CO; Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station (AFS) and Peterson Air Force Base. I retired from the Air Force out of Peterson in 2001 and my last trip to Colorado Springs was in 2010. We flew from St. Louis to Denver and drove to Colorado Springs. There was nothing eventful on the trip and we had a non-stop flight, so, there were no airport MotorClothes outlets to hit... until the return trip when I would have some time at the Denver airport.

Our hotel was only a couple of miles from the dealership in Colorado Springs, so, we stopped by one day on a return trip from Cheyenne Mountain AFS. I got there just as they were closing. I told them I only needed a dealer stamp for my book, so, they let me come in. I went to the MotorClothes counter and asked for a stamp. The lady said, "I think we have one." I said, "You do. I got my book stamped here in 2010." She said, "That was probably the last time it was used." She finally found it, got too much ink on it, and stamped my book. The ink bled through to the opposite side.

I had thought about seeking out other nearby dealerships over the weekend but my trip was cut short as my mom was admitted to the hospital Friday morning and things didn't look good. I did my Cheyenne Mountain evaluation out-brief and we were heading back to the hotel when I got a text from my sister-in-law. She asked me to call her. She was at the hospital with mom. I told her I would call when we got back to the hotel. She texted back, "Call me. Talk to her. Visiting hours are over in eight minutes and they may kick me out." So, we pulled over at the bottom of the hill before getting on the main road and I called. I said, "Hi mom. I love you." She replied, "Hi Randy. I love you too. Take care of yourself." That was the last conversation we had as mom passed away about 42 hours later. In hind sight, I was glad my sister-in-law made me call and I was happy mom recognized my voice.

I had to cut my evaluation trip short. I got my return trip changed and my co-workers took me to the Denver airport. I didn't have time to stop at the dealership in Aurora but I did make it to the Denver airport MotorClothes store. All things considered, I have no idea why I remembered that location. I was just concerned on getting back to St. Louis and on to West Virginia (WV).

I made it home and we left for WV the next morning after I cut the grass and paid the property tax. I didn't plan any dealership stops on the way... Obviously, I had other things on my mind.

After we put mom in her final resting place, my brother, my wife, and I did a sort of round robin so I could get a couple of dealerships. My brother had his airplane at Mallory Airport in South Charleston. We drove to Huntington first because we had planned lunch in Charleston. We got there before they opened, so, I got a picture of Black Sheep H-D. The airport was a little over an hour away. It was going to be an early lunch. We stopped by H-D of WV but they couldn't find their stamp, so, I ended up taking a picture there too. On to lunch, then the airport. It took my brother a little over an hour to take care of his paperwork and pay his bill.

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He'd had the engine overhauled. If you think H-D engine work is expensive, how does \$47,000 sound for an overhaul? Of course he'd beat us home easily... but not really because he had to wait at the Logan Airport for us to pick him up.

It came time to head back to Illinois. I thought I'd take a different route; one I had done one other time. This would also take me by Mountain State (used to be Mike's) H-D in Delbarton, WV. We always stop at Bluegrass H-D in Louisville but this stop would be somewhat special. I found out a couple of years ago a classmate of mine worked there. Earl and I met the summer of the sixth grade. We both had joined the junior high band and both were in the percussion (drummer) section. I walked in to get my stamp and also asked for Earl. Bummer, he wasn't working that day. I did leave him a note that I had stopped by. By the time we got to Mount Vernon, IL, Roadhouse H-D was closed, so, one more picture before getting home.

I didn't get a big payoff of dealerships for all the travel but 60 points is 60 points. I could've done a little better had I gotten some HOG Chapter members but I had other things on my mind for the majority of this trip.

I Love You Mom...

Be Safe and Ride On...

Ride 365/Mileage Program

By Connie Fair

Assistant Director

January 15, 2020

Harley Davidson has a mileage reward program called Ride 365. The program has Lifetime, Annual, Chapter and Destination Challenges. In order to participate, you need to complete the H.O.G. Mileage Program form (available on the Chapter website under Membership/Mileage Form) and have the Dealership verify your mileage at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year.

The Lifetime Recognition Program records all your total miles and gives recognition awards reach designated mileage goals.

The Annual Recognition Program records all your miles for the year.

By signing up you will be eligible to win a gift card in one of two drawings that will take place at the end of June and December.

The Stone Celts is part of Market 3 Plains and consists of 102 Chapters. In 2019, the Stone Celts ranked 9th in our region with 282,310 miles. These miles were recorded by only twenty-nine (29) members!!! We want all members to participate so US5354057 we can move-up in our region. St. Charles H.O.G. was in first place with 1,457,464 miles, second place was Kirkwood H.O.G. with 974,015 miles and Alton was seventh place with 293,335 miles.

Let's get out and Ride!!!



SECRETARY



Stone Celts Chapter Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2019

Judy Davis

Chapter Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Ron at 7:00 pm. He encouraged the members to sign-up for Crazy Bowl at Concord Lanes on Jan 18. He also reminded everyone about the Christmas Party on Dec 7 and to get the tickets from Wayne.

Bonnie said that you pay for something for the Chapter you need to get a receipt to turn in for payment from the Chapter.

Shelly said there are 190 members.

Connie said the dinner ride on the 23rd of Nov will be to Casa Maria in Belleville. The SCRC books can be turned in tonight or that they may be turned at the dealer on the 23rd no-later than 9:00am. Nov 29 is Black Friday at the dealer and members will be wrapping gifts. Members will also wrap on Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14 and Dec 21. The Chapter Christmas Party is Dec 7 at the Elks Lodge. Men's Night at the dealer 6-8 pm Dec 12. Dec 17 final day for Toys for Tots.

Brandy needs articles for the newsletter on Jan 20.

Theresa said there are two rockers to be awarded this evening and they go to Carol Kueker and Dan Halterman.

Jerry said that he is following up on an Advanced Riding Class for our chapter members. Please read full report in the newsletter.

Bill the historian report is on Past and Present, read the full report in the newsletter.

The Pokey name tag was won by Theresa. U-turn was won by Mike Williams. Dusty was won by Ron Wiley.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Stone Celts Chapter Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2020

Judy Davis

Chapter Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Ron at 7:00 pm. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if there were any new members or guest. We had one new member, Fred Schlotter, who was warmly welcomed by a round of applause.

Ron reiterated that the Chapter Face Book Page is a closed group only for chapter members. A chapter member must ask for permission to join the group. Ron passed on information from Brad the owner of Green Mount Road H-D. If any member is looking to purchase a new bike go out shopping and get the price and then bring to the dealer and let them have the opportunity to meet or beat the price. The dealership is sponsoring the chapter and it is only right that we as chapter members give the dealer the opportunity to get our business.

Ron said that Steve Payne is in the hospital.

Mike said that there are a total 202 members in the chapter. He also said that dues are payable before Jan 31. If you have not paid your dues for the year, you will be dropped from the membership role, Face Book Page and access to the web site.

Eric Molos said there will be a Road Captains meeting Feb 1, at 9:00 am.

Ron announced the new officers for the year, Connie Fair, Assistant Director; Bonnie Holas, Treasurer; Judy Davis, Secretary; Steve Walker, Activities Director; Carol Kueker, Activities Assistant; Mike Holas, Membership; Shelly Wiley, Membership Assistant; Brandy Kaminsky, Editor; Jerry Hancock, Safety Director; Mike Fair, Safety Assistant; Steve Payne, Head Road Captain; Eric Molos, Head Road Captain Assistant; Mike Davenport, Web Master; Rob Buecker, Web Master Assistant; Bill Guille, Photographer; Bonnie Holas and Lisa McIntosh, Photography Assistants and Bill Beckemeyer, Historian; Theresa Petrillo, SCRC Chairperson; Dave Meehan, SCRC Chairperson Assistant and Wayne Lacey, SCRC Secretary.

Ron said that a group of officers will be going to ROC training in St Louis on Feb 29 and two others will be going to training in Rockford later in the spring.

Steve came from the dealer and will try to be at all the meetings. He said if you have problems getting your mileage entered for the ride 365 to come see him. He said that Harley has not put out training for the employees at the dealers. He will train Cindy to be the go-to person for the ride 365 program.

Bonnie said that the budget is finalized and everything is in order.

Bill said that new members and any officers that would like their pictures updated to see him during the break.

Jerry talked about the Advanced Riding Course and ask for a show of hands of those that want to take the class. He thinks that there will be two classes looking at the number of people that want to do it. The class is for IL residents only. You have to have rode 1,000 miles in order to participate. There are no trikes allowed in the class. He is in ongoing consultations with the instructors. Possible dates are May 2 and May 30 and held at either SWIC or SIUE.

Bill told us his computer crashed so he was going to recite a poem that he wrote and shared with us back in 2016. Several chapter members encouraged Bill to submit the poem to Harley for inclusion in their publications.

Theresa said that the books will be ready next month at the cost of \$10. She also said the next meeting for the SCRC committee will be Feb 4 at 6:00 pm.

Connie said that she has ornaments that were given out at the Christmas party for volunteers and if you didn't attend the party to see her to get your ornament. She shared two new programs that the chapter is having this year. Ride 365 will be having two drawings one Jun 1 and one Jan 1, 2021. Members that sign up for ride 365 from Jan 1, 2020 to May 31 their names will go into a special drawing for a gift card, valued at \$50. Members that sign up from Jun 1 to Dec 31 their name will go in for the second \$50 gift card. The second new program is Participation Tokens. Tokens will be given out for special things, like tonight everyone that renewed their membership got a token, anyone that wore their vest got a token, extra token given if you wore your jacket. Tokens will be collected throughout the year and then at the end of the year there will be prizes that you can win by using your token to possibly be drawn for the prize.

Special name tags: Pokey goes to Mike Williams and U-turn to John Mikes. Dusty was not awarded.